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TERRIBLE PLIGHT OF "OFFENDERS".

PICKETS' SQUEEZE.

So much has been heard of the boycott movement as a so-called work of sacrifice inspired by patriotic motives that it is interesting to learn the opinions of a Chinese who has just visited Canton and had an opportunity of investigating conditions first-hand. He says that the picket corps is generally regarded as a nuisance and little other than a business concern to extort money in defiance of good law and order. It is all a matter of dollars and cents, he says, adding:—"Any picket will do you a service and get the permit for you if you approach him in the right way and are willing to pay his price." Those who know the cumbersome procedure of drawing out deposits from foreign banks in Shanghai, realise the nuisance and inconvenience in getting a permit through the pickets or direct from the headquarters of the Strike Union. When applying for a permit to return to Hongkong at Tung Yuen, the informant said he saw over one thousand persons, male and female, confined in the same quarter for having violated the regulations of the strike pickets. The confinement quarter was an evil-smelling, dark and damp hovell, overrun with rats. The prisoners are said to be strikers who came from their village homes on hearing a rumour that the ban on communication between Canton and Hongkong was to be lifted for a week or ten days on payment of ten dollars towards the funds for converting Yuet Shou Shan into a public park. On reaching Canton they were caught and thrown into confinement by the pickets. Some of them have been confined for over ten days, and many are sick as a result of the confinement, whilst a few have been removed to hospital in a dying state.

It is further stated that when a steamer calls at Whampoa, two pickets go aboard and remain there as long as the vessel is at the port, living on board at the expense of the ship's company or comrade. On the steamer's departure for Canton, two more pickets are sent on board either to relieve the former pair or in addition, and during the round trip, cigarettes, sampan hire and other petty expenses are provided for the pickets by the ship. The treatment accorded the steamer is according to the treatment accorded to the pickets—in other words, the despatch of the steamer is facilitated if good treatment be given to the pickets, whilst all sorts of delay are meted out in case of ill-treatment to the pickets. "That foreign ships should grant such privileges to the pickets," says the informant, "only encourages the pickets in the exercise of their illegal actions; and with such latitude granted the pickets to prevent persons and goods from coming and going to Canton, with judicial powers to sentence offenders, and the privilege of accompanying all steamers from port to port, it is easily seen that a large amount of legitimate revenue is lost to the Government."

FRONTIER INCIDENT.

LATVIAN NOTE TO RUSSIA.

Riga, Feb. 14. There is a development in the Russo-Latvian incident, as the Latvians have sent a Note to the Soviet demanding a thorough investigation of the frontier incident and are alleged to have assaulted and carried off a policeman. The Note demands the repatriation of the policeman and the punishment of the culprits.—*Reuter*.

ATTACKS ON SERVICE MEN.

CROWD PELTS SAILOR WITH STONES.

SEQUEL IN COURT.

Disorders occurring in the Wan-chai district on Saturday night, when the men from the Services appear to have been singled out for attack, had a sequel at the Central Magistracy this morning when two Chinese were separately charged with throwing stones and provoking a breach of the peace. In the first case it was stated that Jess James May, a stoker of the Magnolia, was pelted with stones, which were alleged to have been thrown by the defendant, a rattan chair maker, and others amongst a big crowd which had collected in this locality. Mr. R. E. Lindsell said that in this case there was only one man's word against another, and it appeared to him that obviously a big crowd must have been concerned in this attack. The defendant was discharged.

Inspector John Ogg, of the Wan-chai Police Station, referred to an earlier incident of a similar nature, which he said might have some connection with the other case. This statement was substantiated by Seaman G. W. H. Spratley, while giving evidence for a comrade, Stoker Doney, in the second case.

Spratley said that the defendant in this case was arrested after a stern chase in which soldiers also took part. He could identify the defendant as being a very aggressive individual as, earlier in the day, the defendant had led in an assault on witnesses, and, in fact, had been carrying on in a similar manner the whole day. The defendant called a witness, who said he was walking along with the defendant when he was seized. Witness did not know what he was arrested for. Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$100 or six weeks.

COOK'S SUICIDE.

SEQUEL TO NEW YEAR GAMBLING.

A cook of the Edward Dispensary committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself in the kitchen in the rear of the Dispensary at Queen's Road Central. The body of the man was at 5.45 yesterday morning found suspended by the neck with a piece of rope from a beam above the doorway into the kitchen. Too terrified to cut down the body themselves, Dispensary employees called in the police, who, on arrival, found that life was extinct.

It is believed that the deceased had gambled during the New Year Day, and had lost his market money. This is given as the motive for the suicide.

BANDIT'S HEAD.

REPORTED THEFT FOR CRIMINOLOGIST.

Chicago, Feb. 13.

The mystery of the disappearance of the head of Francisco Villa appears to have been cleared up by an admission alleged to have been made by some scientists here that the head was being brought to Chicago for examination. Experts' story is that an eccentric millionaire interested in criminology financed the theft of the head in order that the brain and bumps of the late bandit might be examined and analysed from a pathological standpoint for the benefit of science.—*Reuter's American Service*.

FRENCH POLITICS.

BRIAND FORCES AN ISSUE.

SOCIALIST SPLIT.

Paris, Feb. 12. For the first time since the opening of the financial debate in the Chamber M. Briand made a motion to shelve a Socialist proposal in the Finance Committee's Bill, and made the question one of confidence. He obtained a vote of 326 to 183.

The result of the vote shows that there is a split in the Cartel, some Radicals voting against the Government and others with the Socialists. The proposal was that the State should be made a co-heir with other legatees, the State's share to vary according to the degree of the relationship of the heirs to the deceased.

M. Briand, in supporting the shelving of the motion, said that they had reached the extreme limit of discussion and it was necessary that the funds to balance the Budget should be voted without delay in order that both Chambers might pass them by February 28th.—*Reuter*.

DEFINITE SOCIALIST SPLIT.

Paris, Feb. 12. In the Chamber, M. Cazale, on behalf of the Radical Socialists, stated that the party had decided to separate from the Socialists with a view to arriving at practical financial results in the interests of the country.—*Reuter*.

A WAY OUT?

Paris, Feb. 13. The newspapers congratulate M. Briand on forcing the issue in last night's debate. They emphasise that thereby a new phase has appeared from which the Socialists are excluded and a way is opened for urgent solutions, though the *Figaro* opines that the Government's troubles are about to begin and the main difficulty will be to persuade the Chamber to give a positive vote on the fresh taxation clauses and then secure a working majority.

L'Avenir similarly thinks that while the vote has demonstrated that the Cartel is inoperable, it has not strengthened the Government.

The *Matin* declares that as the three main clauses of the Cartel's financial scheme have been rejected, the whole scheme can be regarded as washed out.—*Reuter*.

AVOIDING A CRISIS.

Paris, Feb. 4. After the uncomfortable experience of being split in three by the confidence debate on the 12th inst., the Radical Socialist group has called a Congress aiming at a re-establishing of unity with a view to avoiding a Ministerial crisis.—*Reuter*.

AMERICAN GIFT TO EGYPT.

MORE ROCKEFELLER MUNIFICENCE.

Cairo, Feb. 14.

What is believed to be a record donation for humanitarian science research has been offered by Mr. John Rockefeller, Junior, to King Fuad and the people of Egypt, namely, ten million dollars for the purpose of building and maintaining in Cairo a museum which will probably be the finest in the world and establishing an archaeological institute in conjunction therewith. The American Professor Brewster, who formally presented the offer to King Fuad, declared in an interview that the donor seeks thereby to express the friendship of America, the newest land in the West, for Egypt, the oldest land in the East.—*Reuter*.

STRUGGLE WITH ARMED ROBBER.

FIGHT FOR REVOLVER IN TEASHOP.

PROPRIETOR STABBED.

The proprietor of a teashop in Cheungshawan, whose premises were entered by armed robbers at seven o'clock last night, made a daring attempt to possess himself of a revolver which one of the intruders was holding against his body. Grabbing the weapon, he struggled with the man, but was forced to relinquish his hold on receiving a stab in the hand with a dagger held by one of the other robbers.

The drawers of the counter were searched by the robbers, who later decamped with a sum of \$110. They would have made a larger haul had it not been for the blowing of a police whistle in the street, which caused them hurriedly to leave.

RUSSO-SWISS DISPUTE.

SOVIET REFUSES TO ATTEND DISARMAMENT MEETING.

Moscow, Feb. 14.

M. Chicherin's reply to the League of Nations' invitation to participate in the preparatory meeting of the Disarmament Conference on Swiss territory pending the settlement of its conflict with Switzerland, hopes that the obstacles will be eliminated as otherwise the Soviets will hold the Council of the League responsible for its exclusion.—*Reuter*.

THE BRITISH STANDPOINT.

Rugby, Feb. 14. The question of the admission of Powers other than Germany to permanent seats on the Council of the League of Nations continues to be discussed in the newspapers, which fully recognise the importance of the issues raised. Hopes are expressed that the claims will not be pressed and that the technical as well as political reasons against a present increase in the number of permanent seats are fully stated. The view of the British Government is that, although the issues are being carefully studied as far as is practicable at this stage, it is impossible to decide on the course which will best serve the interests of the Council and of the League generally until the claims are definitely advanced and arguments for and against are fully considered by the representatives at Geneva.

In this connection, the *Observer* remarks that "when the moment arrives for the British vote to be cast, her policy will be determined by loyalty to the Locarno idea, by an honest interpretation of her promised restoration to Germany of the full status of a European Great Power, and by the best interests of the League itself."—*British Wireless*.

LABOUR M.P.'S DEATH.

WORKED IN MINES AS A LAD.

London, Feb. 14.

The death is announced of Mr. John Robertson, M.B.E., Labour M.P. for the Bothwell Division of Lanarkshire.

[The deceased, who was born in 1867, worked in a coal mine as a boy of thirteen years. He was Chairman of the Scottish Miners' Union and had sat for the Bothwell division since 1919. At the last election he was returned with 14,691 votes; against 11,314 polled by Mrs. H. B. Shaw, Conservative.]

LEVERHULME SALE.

BIG PRICES OBTAINED.

New York, Feb. 13.

Lord Leverhulme's sale up to the present has realised nearly \$600,000. The continued bidding up to high prices surprised everybody. It is believed that if buying continues at the present scale of prices the collection may realise twice the originally estimated value of \$2,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service*.

LEAGUE CRISIS.

SERIOUS ANGLO-FRENCH SPLIT.

CONFLICTING VIEWS.

Geneva, Feb. 12.

The League of Nations' Council has fixed March 8th as the date of the Assembly to deliver its opinion on Germany's application for membership.—*Reuter*.

CLOUD ON LOCARNO SKY.

London, Feb. 13. Conflicting Anglo-French viewpoints on the subject of the new permanent members of the League Council are becoming what the *Daily Chronicle* calls the most serious cloud as far as appearing in the Locarno sky. The London papers urge Sir Austen Chamberlain to oppose the admission of Spain, Poland and Brazil, which would probably be construed as a trick to cancel the advantage Germany is likely to secure from Council membership. The Paris newspapers, however, vigorously support the standpoint the *Gaulois*, which says Germany's appearance on the Council as an equal of the Allies challenges the common sense of international justice. The Geneva correspondent of the *Matin* argues that since Poland is one of the pillars of the Locarno Pact, she is logically entitled to a seat alongside Germany.—*Reuter*.

PLAN WHICH FAILED.

London, Feb. 13. The *Daily Telegraph's* Berlin correspondent has stated that the plan to give permanent seats on the Council of the League to minor States has been dropped. If it had been persisted in Germany would undoubtedly have withdrawn her application for membership. Uneasiness here has now been allayed by official news from Paris.—*Reuter*.

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NAVY ECONOMIES.

SAVING TO TAXPAYERS.

London, Feb. 13.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, in a speech at Torquay, announced that the Admiralty economies would not only cover the whole cost of the new construction programme, but also save the taxpayer over two millions sterling besides, without depriving the Navy of its power of carrying out its duties.—*Reuter*.

ALLEGED DISAGREEMENT DENIED.

Rugby, Feb. 14. Mr. Bridgeman, speaking at Torquay, said that practically all the economies were devised by his advisers at the Admiralty and settled in agreement with the Treasury. The only point on which they did not agree was referred to somebody else for arbitration. The stories of disagreement between the Admiralty and the Treasury could be completely disregarded.—*British Wireless*.

CHINA NAVIGATION BOAT REFLOATED.

"KWEIYANG" ON WAY TO HONGKONG.

HOPES FOR "HUNAN."

Having been stranded for ten days on a shoal in the western entrance to the Hainan Straits in an attempt to refloat another vessel in a similar predicament, the s.s. Kwelyang, which is one of the most modern vessels of the China Navigation Company's fleet, was refloated on Saturday and is due in Hongkong this morning, the damage being slight.

The Hunan which went ashore somewhere about February 1st was still ashore when the Kwelyang left for Hongkong, but it was anticipated that the salvage party would meet with equal success in regard to the older vessel yesterday.

The s.s. Kwelyang is the only vessel of the three concerned—the third was the Taming, also of the Butterfield and Swire fleet—to carry wireless and since she has left the scene, there is no means of communication. It is, however, thought possible that the Hunan has also been refloated as expected.

ALTAI MARU STILL ASHORE.

Salvage operations in connection with the s.s. Altai Maru which went ashore eight days ago in the Fo Tau Man Pass, are proceeding very slowly.

The task of discharging her five thousand tons of cargo is still in hand but so far she has not been lightened sufficiently as to allow of her being pulled off.

It is believed that the vessel has been holed, but her double bottom has, it is stated, prevented damage to the cargo.

AINING BRITISH ART.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

London, Feb. 13.

In a letter to Sir Martin Conway from New York, Sir Joseph Duveen announces that in order to encourage British art he is forming a small committee of men of acknowledged position and authority and is placing at its disposal £1,000 annually for the purchase of paintings by contemporary British artists, preferably promising young artists. The Committee will hold the pictures acquired with power to lend or present them to any public gallery in the British Isles, the British Empire or the United States.—*Reuter*.

COAL SITUATION.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF MINE-OWNERS.

Rugby, Feb. 14.

Importance is being attached by the press to the meeting of mine-owners which will be held this week to consider the coal situation. It is stated that on both sides during recent weeks a growing feeling has been displayed in favour of making a further attempt to secure a peaceful solution of the problem.

Meanwhile, the members of the Coal Commission, in order that the Prime Minister shall have a report at the end of the month, have been working about thirteen hours per day for the past fortnight.—*British Wireless*.

NO ADMITTANCE.

AMERICA BARS BRITISH COUNTESS.

SARCASTIC RETORTS.

New York, Feb. 13.

With the Countess of Cathcart still immured on Ellis Island officials of the Labour and Immigration Department at Washington are faced with the necessity of deciding one of the most unusual cases which have ever arisen under the present immigration laws.

The affair is complicated by the fact that the Earl of Craven was admitted into America in November without question and is now living quietly with his wife at her uncle's residence in New York.

The Earl of Craven was annoyed when an army of pressmen invaded his apartments, and declared that he knew no more than anyone else about the case. There was no reason why any relationship should be presumed to exist between him and the Countess, except an impersonal one. All he wanted was to be allowed to live in peace and quiet with his wife.

There are many protests at the apparent unfairness of the immigration laws. For example, nine prominent New York women have telegraphed to Mr. Davis, the Secretary of Immigration, protesting at "discrimination" against women.

The *Philadelphia Public Ledger*, in an editorial, declares that the ruling against the Countess of Cathcart is foolish and the special Board of Enquiry is making United States ridiculous. The newspapers so far have been remarkably reticent, but the comments made are all sarcastic.—*Reuter's American Service*.

A NEW TURN.

New York Feb. 13.

The case of the Countess of Cathcart has taken a new turn. Mr. Curran, Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island, has announced that he sent immigration inspectors to request the Earl of Craven to come to his office for further interrogation. They called at the address at which the Earl of Craven was said to be living but did not find him. Mr. Curran has declared that he would press the case against the Earl of Craven, regardless of the outcome of the Countess of Cathcart's appeal.—*Reuter's American Service*.

"PREMIUM ON LYING."

New York, Feb. 14.

The Countess of Cathcart, interviewed by pressmen on Ellis Island, was cheerful and talkative. She said she was her own worst enemy and had got herself there by telling the truth, "so it does rather put a premium on lying." She asserted that adultery was not a crime in England; if it were, all the English nobility would be gaoled; and if England had the same immigration laws as America, she did not think many American women would get in. She declared that she had been wonderfully well treated on Ellis Island and had received hundreds of cablegrams of sympathy from friends.—*Reuter's American Service*.

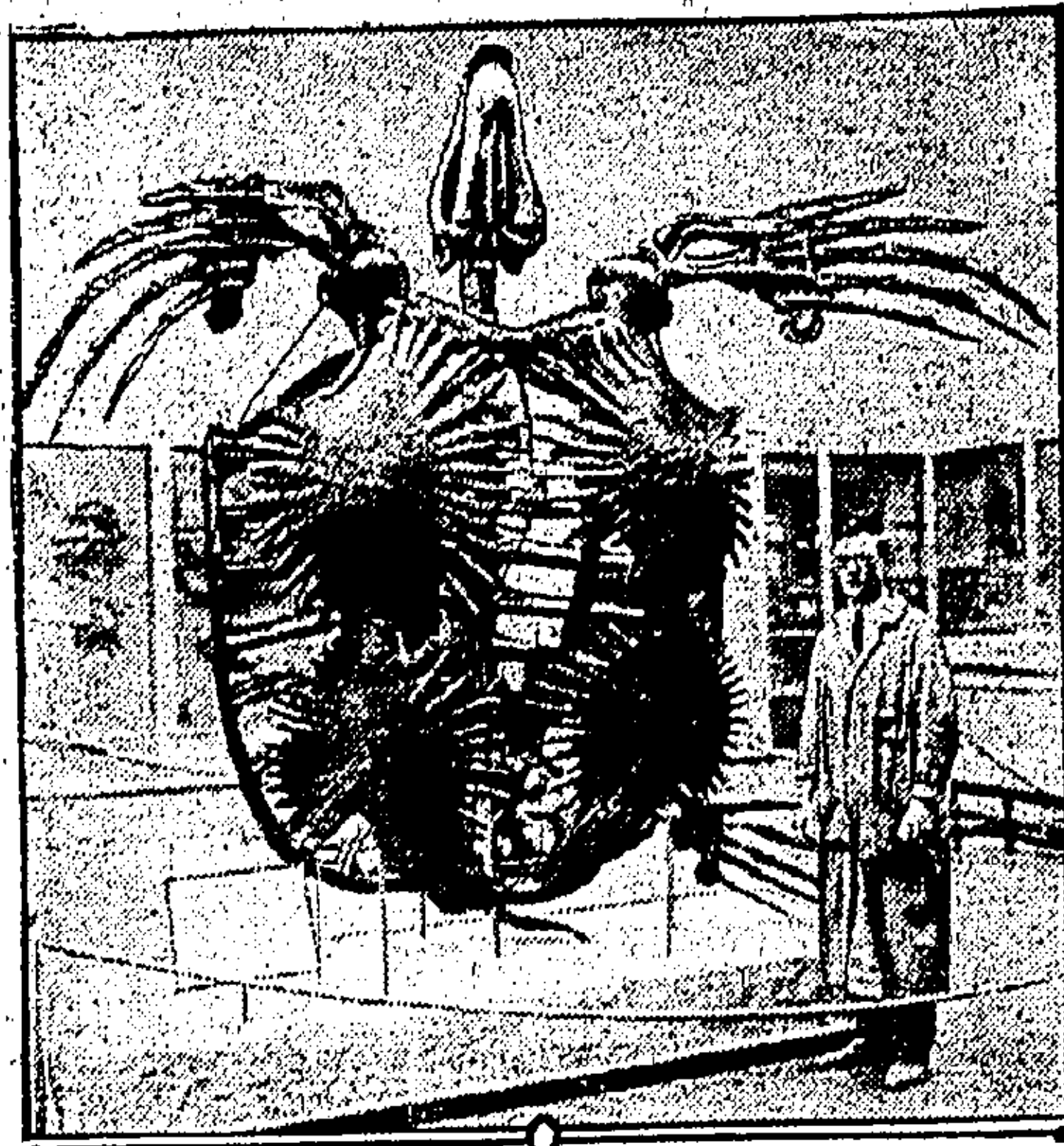
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New York, Feb. 12.

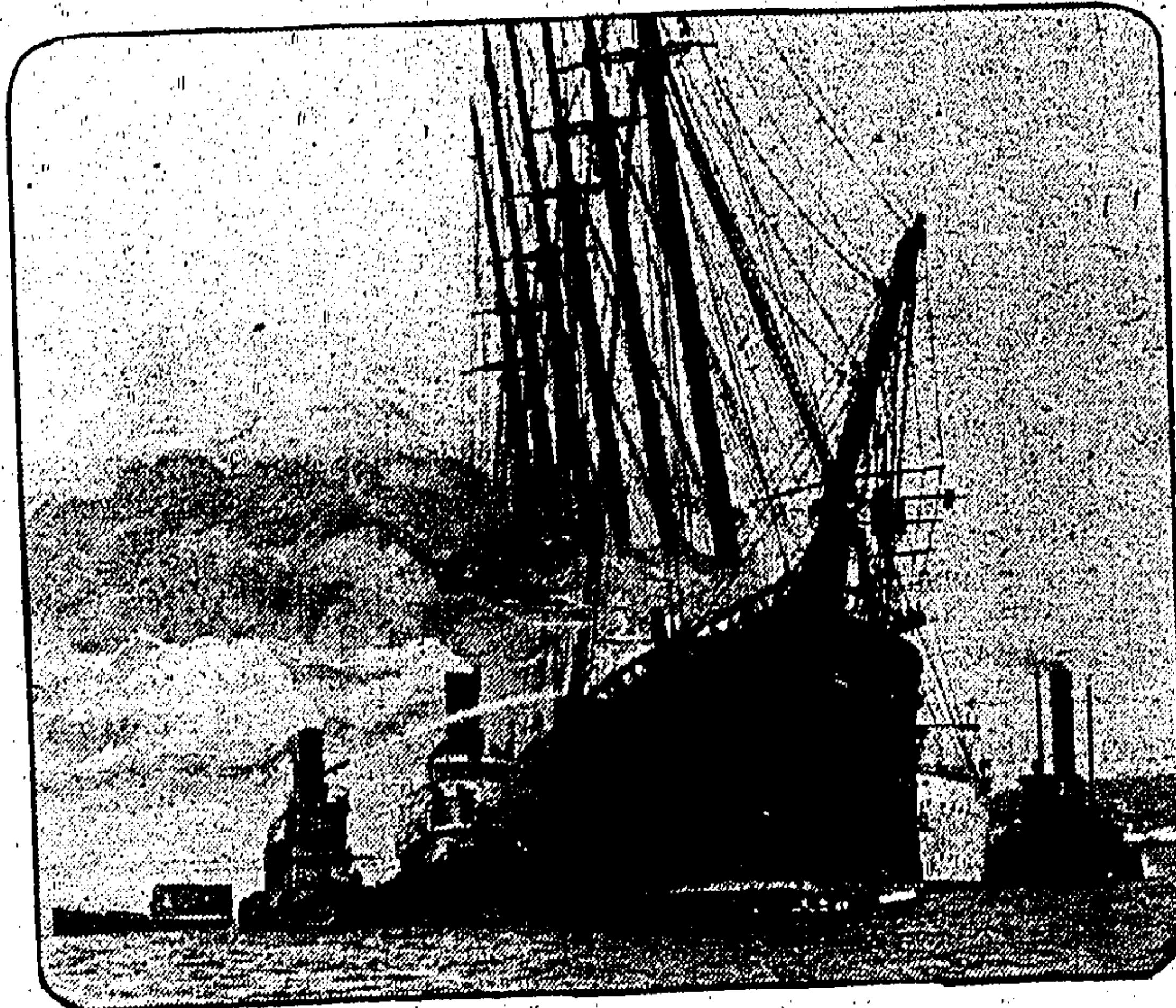
The Board of Governors of the Consolidated Stock Exchange has passed a resolution to confer with members for the purpose of dissolving the exchange and liquidating its assets.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Big Pre-historic Turtle.



Yale University's new Peabody Museum now displays this skeleton of a prehistoric turtle—the largest turtle that ever lived. A member of the museum staff is shown beside it.

Six-Masted Schooner Burned



The Edward J. Lawrence, one of the few six-masted schooners in the world, was burned in Portland harbour. Photo shows fire boats pouring water into the ship in an effort to extinguish the flames.



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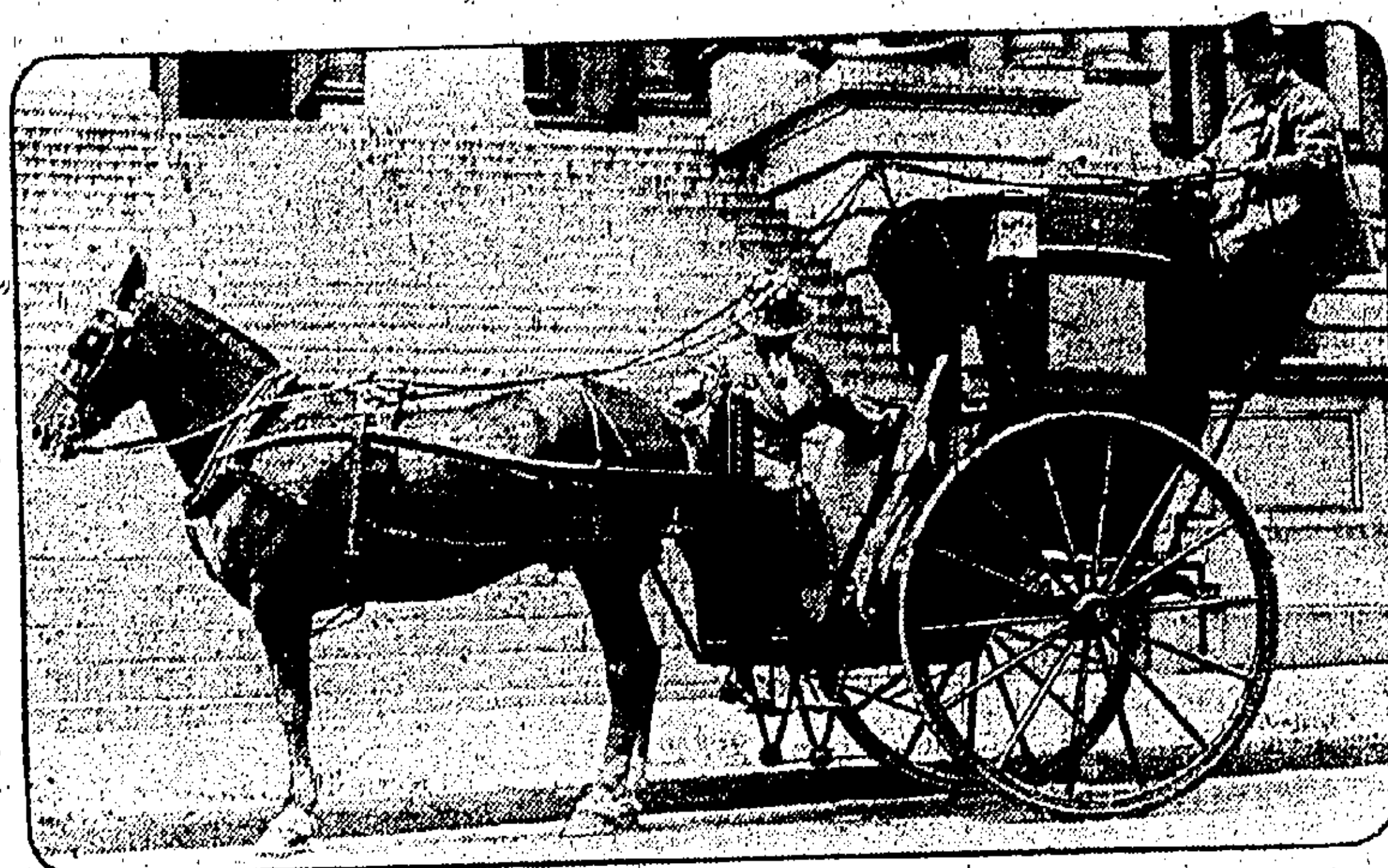
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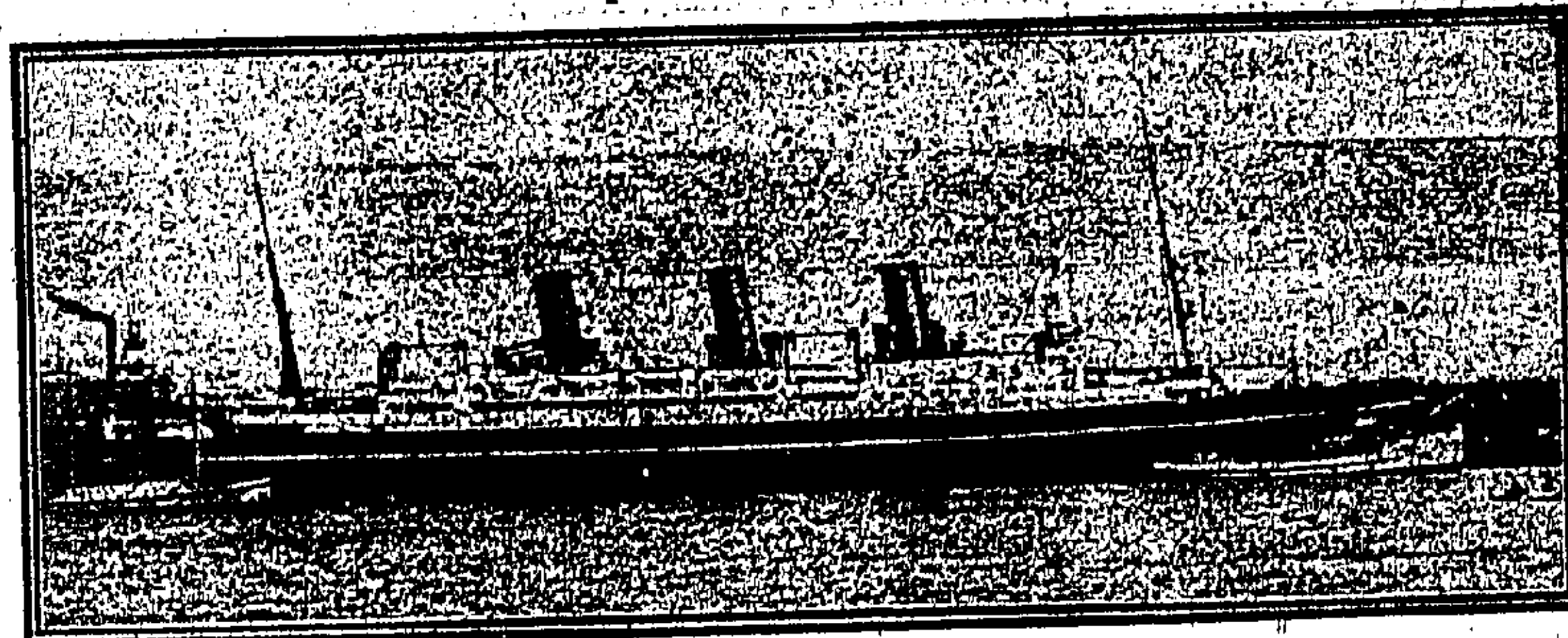
This is Prince Oscar, fourth son of the ex-Kaiser, who is now clerking in a Potsdam business office.

An Old-fashioned Vehicle.



Mrs. James Parmelee, a prominent Washington society leader, is up in arms over a recent Washington ordinance barring horse-drawn vehicles from certain streets, including the street she lives on. She is shown getting into Washington's only surviving hansom cab, and declares that, law or no law, she is going to keep on using it.

An Empress at Shanghai.



This photograph of the Empress of Canada was taken as she lay alongside the China Merchants' Lower Wharf during her recent call at Shanghai.

Seek North Pole.



Capt. George H. Wilkins (above) and "Sandy" Smith, (below) plan to fly in March from Point Barrow, Alaska, over the north pole. They will have an especially built plane for their hazardous flight.

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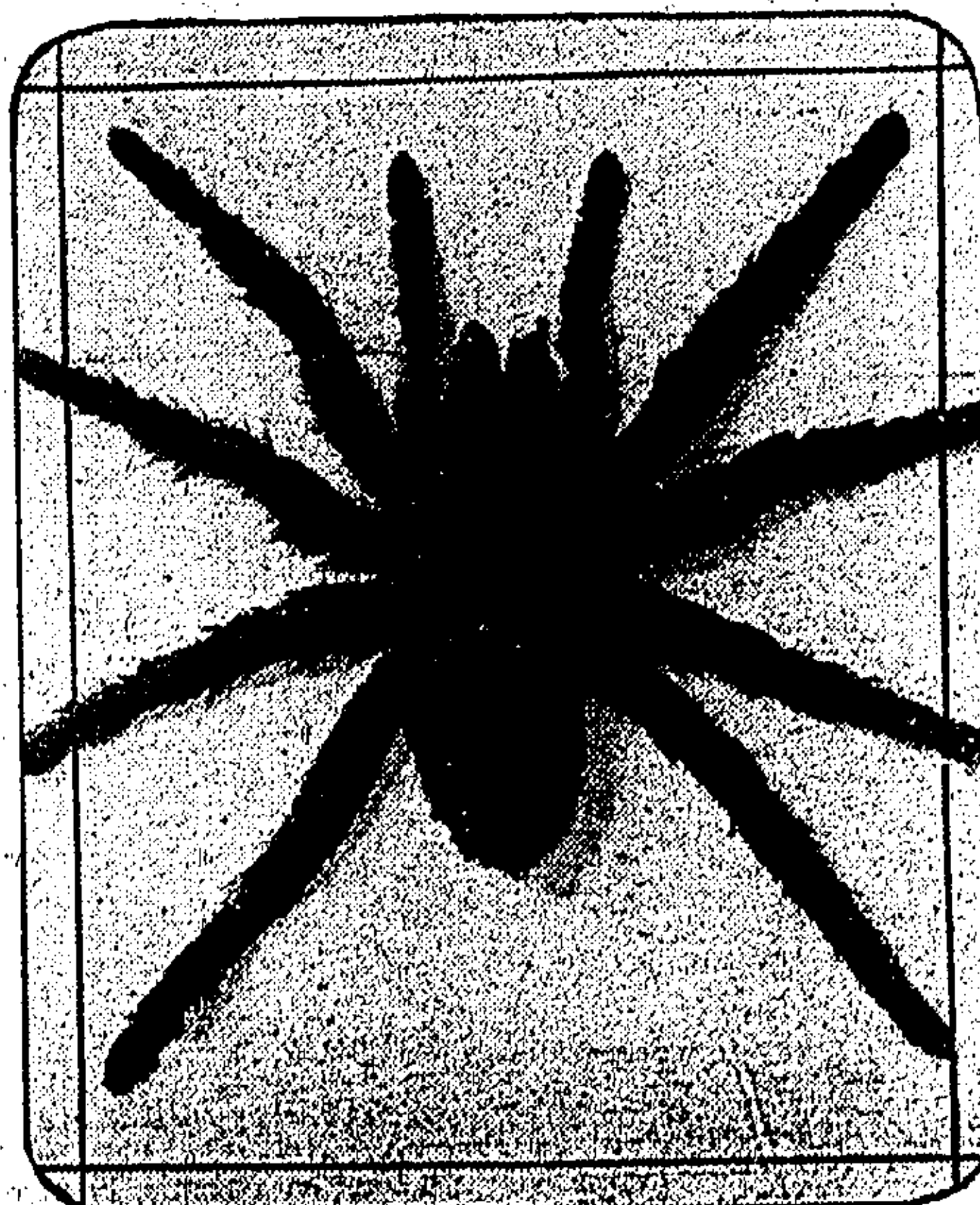
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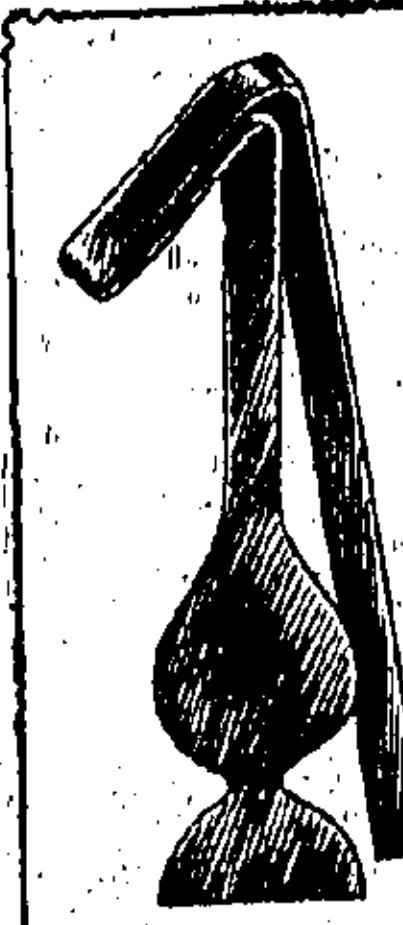
This unusual action photograph of a steeplechase was taken at one of the jumps in the Laleham (England) Handicap Steeplechase.

Poisonous Spider.



This huge tarantula was one of the specimens secured by the naturalist, Mr. Henry Wolf, during a visit to the Amazon.

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Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 10th February, to the 22nd February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 1926 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY to TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 1926, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD,

Secretary. Hongkong, 26th January, 1926.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall Hongkong, on Saturday the 27th February 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 15th February to Saturday the 27th February 1926 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors

A. H. BARLOW

Chief Manager. Hongkong, 8th February 1926.

NOTICE

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

ANNUAL BALL

Members are reminded of the following dates:—

1st Reel Practice—Friday, 19th February, 5.30 to 7 p.m.

2nd Reel Practice—Tuesday, 23rd February, 5.30 to 7 p.m.

BALL—Friday, 26th February, 9.30 p.m.

Those who have already handed over the 1st Practice Dance Tickets will be admitted by presenting the 2nd Practice Dance Tickets, and suitable arrangements will be made for admission to the Practice Dance to be held on 23rd February.

Members are also reminded that they will be liable for subscription as previously instructed unless the Honorary Secretary is notified in writing of any changes on or before Tuesday, the 23rd instant.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Friday, February 12th, 1926, to Tuesday, February 23rd, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,

Acting Secretary. Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1926.

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RACE MEETING 1926

March 1st, 2nd 3rd and 6th.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready, and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Bldgs. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings this year.

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

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Birmingham	2	Sheffield U.	0
Blackburn R.	4	Tottenham H.	2
Bury	4	Cardiff	1
Huddersfield	3	Everton	0
Leicester	1	Notts C.	0
Liverpool	8	Burnley	2
Manchester U.	2	Leeds	1
Sunderland	5	Manchester C.	0
West Ham	6	Bolton	0

Huddersfield.....28 14 9 5 61 44 37

Sunderland.....30 16 5 9 72 53 37

Arsenal.....29 15 5 9 59 48 39

Bury.....28 15 2 11 65 59 32

Aston Villa.....28 12 8 8 62 50 32

Manch. Un.....27 14 4 9 47 43 32

Sheffield U.....29 13 5 11 76 61 31

Newcastle.....28 11 8 9 59 54 30

Everton.....31 8 14 9 56 59 30

West Brom.....28 11 7 10 60 50 29

Bolton.....28 12 5 11 56 55 29

Tottenham.....28 11 7 10 48 55 29

Birmingham.....30 12 5 13 53 58 29

Liverpool.....27 10 8 9 48 38 28

Leicester.....29 9 7 13 51 58 25

Blackburn.....29 8 9 12 59 61 25

Leeds U.....29 10 4 15 49 58 24

Cardiff.....29 10 4 15 47 60 24

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TENNIS RANKINGS.

BRITISHER, JAPANESE AND
SPANIARD IN FIRST
U.S. TEN.

William T. Tilden, of Philadelphia, National Singles Champion, is again ranked No. 1 in the annual singles ranking of the United States Lawn Tennis Association just announced. William M. Johnston is placed in the No. 2 position, with Vincent Richards of New York, third; R. Norris Williams, of Philadelphia, fourth; Manuel Alonso, Fullerton, Pa., fifth; and Howard O. Kinsey of San Francisco, sixth. Three of the above players win premier recognition in the doubles ranking. Vincent Richards and R. Norris Williams, as National Champions and victors in the Davis Cup Challenge Round against France are accorded the No. 1 position in doubles, with William M. Johnston and Clarence Griffin, former National Champions, No. 2. A second California team composed of Harvey Snodgrass and Walter Wesbrook is ranked third, with William T. Tilden, and A. L. Wiener of Philadelphia fourth, and Howard and Robert Kinsey of San Francisco fifth.

Tilden's ranking as No. 1 is the fifth consecutive year in which he has been placed at the top of America's tennis players by the Ranking Committee of the National Association, which including his ranking as No. 2 man in 1918 and 1919 gives him an average of one and a small fraction over a period of seven years listing.

Tilden, however, must maintain this No. 1 placing for several years yet to equal the ranking record of William A. Larned, who was named eight times as leading singles player of the United States between the years 1901 and 1911. This is the record ranking in U.S. L.T.A. annals, although the late Robert D. Wrenn was five times placed at the head of the list during the years from 1893 to 1897, which record Tilden has tied this season. Other famous tennis stars to head the list at least three times include R. D. Sears 1885-1887, Ollie Campbell 1890-1892, Malcolm D. Whitman 1898-1900 and Maurice E. McLoughlin 1912-1914.

Billy Johnston, No. 2 man, and R. N. Williams, No. 4, also have impressive ranking records, Johnston's being the more consistent of the two. Between the years 1913-1925 Johnston has been ranked among the leaders eleven times, being high with No. 1 in 1915 and 1919, and low with No. 6 in 1914. For an average of approximately two and one-half, Williams has been listed with the top-notch players of the nation eleven times between 1912 and 1925, being No. 1 in 1916 and No. 6 in 1919 and 1921, with two years absence from the ranking in 1918 and 1924, giving him an average position of three and a small fraction for eleven years.

Richards has been ranked for five years with No. 2 as high last season, and No. 4 low in 1923, giving him an average of three, while Howard Kinsey, No. 6 man, has been ranked among the first ten, four times since 1922, for an average position of six. Manuel Alonso, placed No. 5 and Captain of the Spanish Davis Cup Team, is for record purposes now considered a resident player of the United States, and in according him this position in National Ranking, the committee recognizes his ability as one of the leading racquet wielders of the nation.

The National rankings in men's singles and doubles as announced by the U.S. L.T.A., Ranking Committee consisting of William Fischer, Chairman, New York; G. Peabody Gardner, Jr., Boston;

SHANGHAI BUSINESS.

CHINESE MERCHANTS
REPORT GOOD YEAR.

As the Chinese New Year is approaching all the Chinese business houses of Shanghai are beginning to close up their accounts for the year.

We are informed by prominent merchants that the business of Shanghai as a whole was very prosperous during 1925, although import trade was rather dull. Not a few of the importing firms lost heavily last year while exporters made considerable profits. The tea trade of Shanghai was especially active during 1925. Almost all the stock of that commodity in Shanghai was cleared at the end of the year. Silk dealers and flature owners also greatly benefited by improvements in their line of business.

The situation was none the less favourable to cotton mill owners. Prices for raw cotton kept on a downward trade during the year and is still very low at the present moment. This is due to an excellent harvest of cotton in China last year. The small mills were the more blessed since they continued buying their raw materials during the year and were thus enabled to avail themselves of the privilege of reduced prices all the time whereas the larger mills bought in all the cotton they required for the year at the earlier part of the year.

On account of the low cost of cotton in foreign markets, the Chinese mill owners are buying large quantities of cotton from abroad for next year's requirements and foreign banks here have thus absorbed over \$10,000,000 in cash. It is feared that a financial crisis will be felt next spring when business becomes active again.

Harry S. Knox, Chicago; Coleman S. Mills, Philadelphia; John G. McKay, Miami, and Dr. Philip B. Hawk, New York, follow:

MEN'S NATIONAL SINGLES
RANKING

1. William T. Tilden.
2. William M. Johnston.
3. Vincent Richards.
4. R. Norris Williams.
5. Manuel Alonso.
6. Howard O. Kinsey.
7. T. Harada.
8. Cranston Holman.
9. B. I. C. Norton.
10. Wray D. Brown.
11. George M. Lott, Jr.
12. Lucien E. Williams.
13. Alfred Chapin, Jr.

Not ranked on account of insufficient data:—Ray Casey, E. G. Chandler, C. J. Griffin, John Hennessey, F. T. Hunter, W. F. Johnson, Kirk Reid, Harvey Snodgrass, W. M. Washburn, Walter Wesbrook.

MEN'S DOUBLES.

1. Vincent Richards & R. Norris Williams.
2. William M. Johnston & Clarence J. Griffin.
3. Harvey Snodgrass & Walter Wesbrook.
4. William T. Tilden & A. L. Wiener.
5. Robert & Howard Kinsey.
6. B. I. C. Norton & Wray D. Brown.
7. Louis Thalheimer & Lewis N. White.
8. W. W. Ingraham & A. W. Jones.
9. A. H. Chapin, Jr., & S. H. Voshell.
10. M. L. Hill & H. L. Johnson, Jr.

Not ranked on account of insufficient data:—G. M. Lott, Jr., & L. E. Williams; Ray Casey & John Hennessey.

STIRRING STORY.

TRAWLER CREW'S FIGHT
FOR LIFE.

A stirring story of peril and hardship on sea and land was related by members of the crew of the Hull trawler Cardinal when they reached home recently.

Their vessel was wrecked on a small island off the northern part of the Norwegian coast. The mate, Frederick Hindley said the ship's boat was got out and he jumped into it. Two other men, Thompson and Hartley, followed. They were thrown out, but managed to regain the boat.

Another of the crew named Griffiths, carrying a line with him, then jumped into the water and made his way to the boat.

CLIMB UP CLIFF.

The remainder of the crew, with the exception of the pilot, the skipper and the second engineer, decended by the ropes, and so got to the boat in safety. After a hazardous journey they reached the land, and the shipwrecked men scrambled ashore.

Snow lay thick on the ground, and frost was intense.

Scaling a steep cliff, the men set off in search of a house, and after trudging through the snow for an hour and a half reached a small college occupied by an aged Norwegian and his wife.

The cottage was too small to accommodate them all, and the old couple advised them to keep running about until other assistance arrived.

GUIDE FROM VILLAGE.

A passing passenger steamer, the King Haakon, was signalled and she undertook to send guides from the nearest village. These arrived in a motor-boat, and, led by them, the fishermen started on a long tramp to Rolvs Haven, a fishing village.

The snow was several feet deep, and the men marched in Indian file, fighting their way against a heavy blizzard. The fireman, Wilburn, collapsed from the cold and had to be carried. The journey lasted three and a half hours.

HUMAN CHAIN IN SEA.

Twelve Norwegian and a young Londoner, who formed the crew of the Norwegian collier Eina, had a thrilling adventure when their vessel was wrecked on the Iceland coast during recent north-east gale.

In their two small boats they battled for seven hours with the storm. When lights were at last seen through the fog one of the boats capsized in the surf.

Farmers and labourers formed a human hand-to-hand chain and, wading waist deep into the sea, reached the sailors.

Mounted on horses, the seamen had to make a 14 miles journey over a snow-covered and pathless countryside to Holta, the nearest village. Many falls were suffered by the inexperienced horsemen. "I stuck on my pony only because my trousers were soaked," said the Londoner when crew the were landed at Akerdeen.

During the war the Eina was one of the German mystery ships, and had been trading recently between Iceland and London.

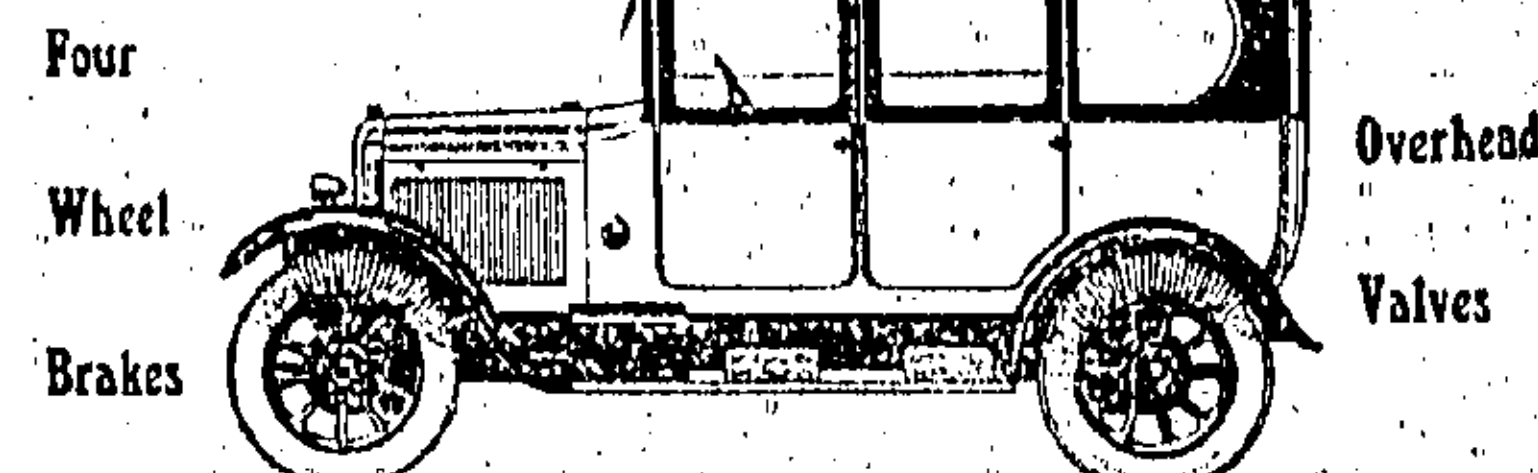
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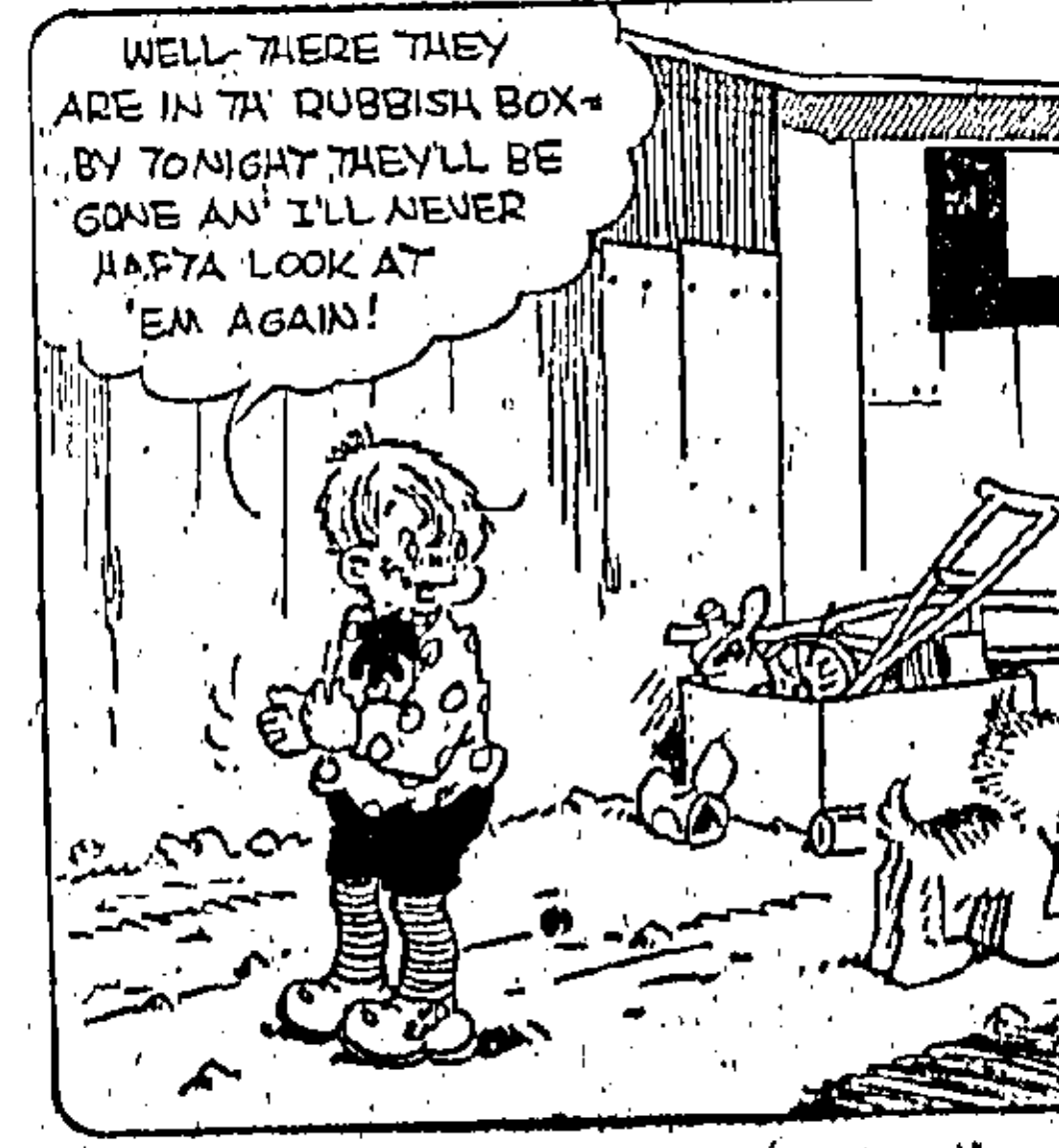
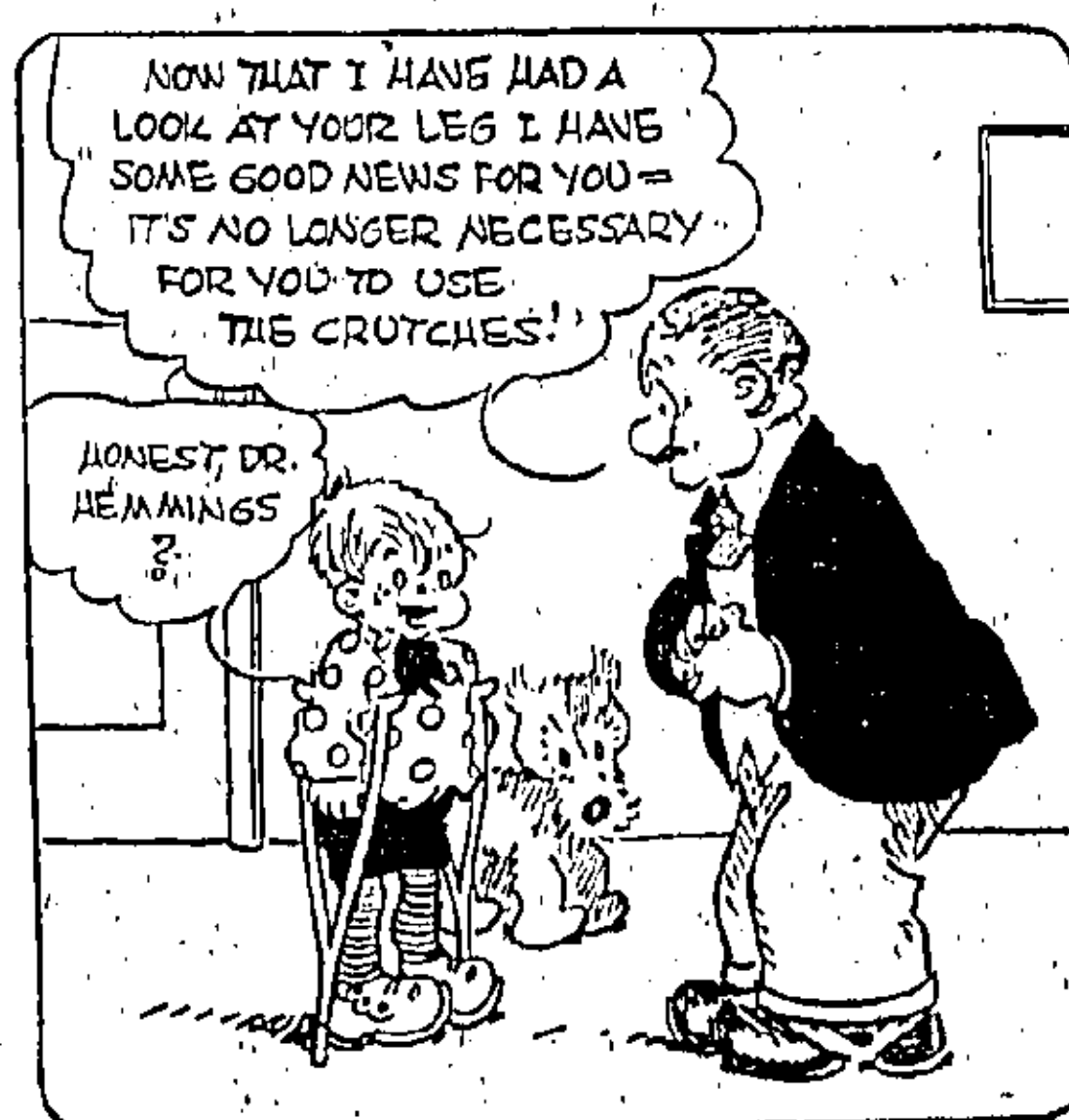


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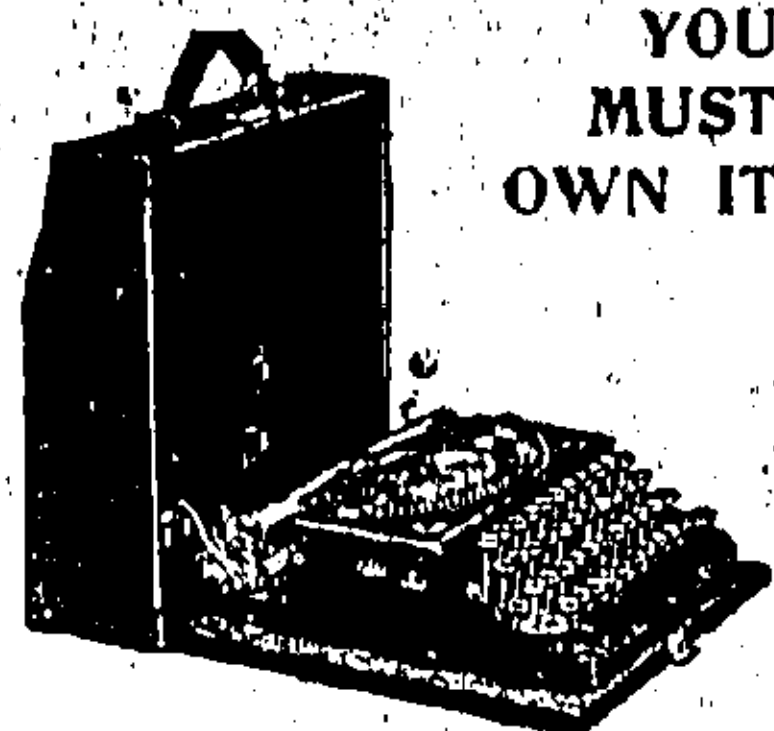
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The Telegraph.

MONDAY, FEB. 15, 1926.

THE BETTER WAY.

The figures which we published on Friday of the estimated losses which have been caused to Cantonese merchants and others as a result of the prolonged boycott directed against Britain are eloquent proof of the boomerang effect of a movement of this kind. Such calculations, however, must only be taken as rough estimates, as it is quite impossible to state with absolute precision the financial consequences of such a disturbance of normal trade. The reactions of movements of this kind must inevitably be widespread, and their effects must be felt long after the restoration of normality.

The point that needs stressing in the matter of this Canton boycott is that if it is intended as an expression of national feeling, then its results are having an effect which can scarcely have been contemplated by its sponsors. To hit one's own people on the plea of registering a protest in regard to real or imagined grievances against another nation is surely the height of foolishness. Then there is the other point of the waste of so much time and organising ability which could be put to far more beneficial purposes. If the same energy and enthusiasm were shown in the work of reform which lies waiting to be accomplished, then, so far from injuring Chinese interests, a great step forward would be registered. Indeed, little quiet reflection will be sufficient to convince any man of reason that in movements such as the present boycott the game is not worth the candle. The Cantonese are usually regarded as a level-headed, far-seeing people, and we have little doubt that eventually they will come to take a rational view of the present situation. If that same outlook could be taken by the official elements in Canton, the whole movement would be soon abandoned and a determination displayed to set to work with sincerity on the work of reform which lies ready at hand. It has been shown what good organisation can do for the military forces in South China, and what is possible in this sphere is possible in all branches of Government activity as well.

Canton is the capital of one of the richest and most fertile provinces in China. It has in its official ranks many energetic and progressive young men who have enjoyed the benefits of foreign education and could be great assets to their country. Their united efforts, under capable direction, could quickly transform Kwangtung and convert it into a model province. Concentration on some such task as this would carry far more weight with the outside world than any policy of a purely negative and provocative nature such as an anti-foreign boycott. Canton has, indeed, a great opportunity of demonstrating what can be done by the sincere efforts of earnest young men. If its leaders are wise in their day and generation, they will seize it and show to the world that they are capable of that constructive work of which their country stands so greatly in need.

Without Recognition.

In view of the fact that there has been so much insistence by the United States of America on her determination not to accord to Soviet Russia formal political recognition until the politics of that country shall more closely conform to the orthodox international standard, it is rather illuminating to learn, as we do on the authority of official statistics already published, that the United States has sold to Soviet Russia during the past year more goods than any other nation. In value the total runs to \$102,000,000, of which \$50,000,000 was in cotton, \$33,000,000 in grain and foodstuffs and \$14,000,000 in machinery and similar articles. In comparison, the British total is \$75,000,000, and the German total is third with \$65,000,000. Russia exported to the United States products valued at about \$11,000,000, a fact which reveals that the Russo-American trade is badly balanced in favour of the United States. It is eloquent of the power of economic necessity that Russo-American trade has reached this considerable volume without any formal political recognition on the part of the United States of the Bolshevik Government. There has been no recession from the oft-repeated standpoint that, politically, the Bolsheviks leave a lot to be desired. All of which goes to prove that the great laws of supply and demand of willing buyers and willing sellers—sometimes rise above the formal ban of politicians.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, Feb. 13.
To-day's exchange rates are as follows:
Paris 131.85
New York 48.73
Brussels 105.1
Geneva 25.23
Amsterdam 12.13/10
Berlin 120.5
Stockholm 20.42
Copenhagen 18.97
Oslo 23.65
Vienna 34.55
Prague 164.3/16
Helsingfors 192.15/15
Madrid 34.54
Lisbon 232
Rio 46.3/13
Buenos Aires 176.11/32
Bombay Holiday
Shanghai Holiday
Hongkong 1/10 3/13
Yokohama 30.13/18
Silver (spot) 30.13/18
Silver (forward) 30.13/18

SOVIET DEBT TO FRANCE.

Paris, Feb. 13.
The Soviet debt delegation has arrived, and will be headed by the Ambassador, Mr. Rakovsky. (Reuter.)

TURCO-DUTCH TRADE.

PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT CONCLUDED.

Australia, Feb. 14.
The Foreign Ministry announces that a provisional Turco-Dutch trade agreement has been concluded and will come into force on February 15, for six months, whereby both countries will enjoy most favoured nation treatment. Negotiations for a permanent agreement have already begun. (Reuter.)

DAY BY DAY.

DON'T WASTE PRECIOUS TIME LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY: MAKE ONE.—Benjen.

The Empress of Russia left Yokohama on Saturday and is due at Vancouver on the 22nd instant.

The s.s. Bessa, of the Norwegian Africa and Australia Line, is expected here about the 23rd instant, with cargo from Norway via ports.

It is notified that His Honour the Chief Justice has ordered that the next Criminal Sessions shall be held on Monday, 22nd February, at 10 a.m.

At the Land Office, Pingshan, on the 25th instant, 2,856 square feet of land situate at Castle Peak will be sold by auction. The upset price is \$29 and the Crown rent \$3.50.

It is notified that the Hongkong Industrial Security Association, Limited, will be struck off the Companies Register, if it fails to obtain a certificate to commence business within two months.

It is notified that, at the expiration of three months, the On Tai Steamship Company, Limited, will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the Company will be dissolved.

Some bedding on the second floor at 44, Des Voeux Road, caught fire on Saturday morning, and the Brigade was sent for. The blaze was put out by firemen with hand buckets.

Observatory returns show that the average mean temperature during January was 61.1, the highest being 75.6, on the 13th, and the lowest 51.6, on the 22nd. There were 172.9 hours of sunshine, and 0.215-inch of rain. The average humidity was 72.

A special armed motor cycle patrol, under Chief Inspector Kent, made its appearance in Hongkong and Kowloon during the week-end. Five machines were in Hongkong and four in Kowloon, and special attention was given to stopping and searching suspicious characters.

A Reuter's Peking message says it is understood that Mr. R. F. Johnston has been offered the Secretaryship of the Boxer Indemnity Commission. Mr. Johnston was formerly in the Hongkong Civil Service and had for some years been tutor to the former "Boy Emperor" of China.

During the Chinese New Year celebrations a Chinese boy and a Sanitary Board coolie were knocked down by a dust cart in Elgin Street, and a Chinese woman received injuries to her feet in a tram car accident. A Chinese was bruised as the result of a motor car accident in the central district, and another boy was knocked down in Kowloon by a motor cycle and injured in the head.

As Mr. R. H. Short, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was proceeding along Des Voeux Road in a ricksha on Friday night, the coolie dropped the shafts. Mr. Short was thrown out, and rebbed of \$25 in bank notes. Paper had been pasted on the number plate, obliterating the figures.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton to act as Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and as a Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

When the ferry steam launch Lee Fat, which sank suddenly near the Wing Lok (Macao steamer) wharf, was brought to the surface, the dead body of a Chinese was found in the cabin. He has been identified as an accountant from Whampoa, who was sleeping on the launch at the time of the mishap.

The s.s. Talma, which arrived in the Colony yesterday, reports that two deaths occurred on board, one from heart failure, and the other from tubercular trouble.

Coast Defence Practice is to take place on the 22nd inst. at Devil's Peak from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. and on March 23rd at Pak Sha Wan from 9 to 10 a.m. Negotiations for a permanent agreement have already begun. (Reuter.)

WIRELESS ITEMS.

WEEK-END NEWS SUMMARISED.

Since we published on Friday, the following news has been received in the Colony by British Wireless Service:—

A special meeting of the Council of the League of Nations was held on Friday at which March 8th was fixed as the date of the special meeting of the Assembly at which will be considered Germany's application for membership.

The House of Commons has agreed to the Second Reading of a private Bill removing the necessity of re-election of members of Parliament on their assuming office.

The Government has invited the Scottish National Housing Company to co-operate with them in building steel frame houses in Scotland. There is an estimated shortage of about 150,000 in agricultural districts alone.

A further wireless triumph has been secured by the Rugby station, which spoke by wireless telephony with New York for 15½ consecutive hours. The conditions were exceptionally favourable. In a subsequent statement, the Postmaster General has warned against the early expectation of trans-Atlantic radio telephony of a commercial standard.

The "cross-Channel" steamer "Brighton" was ashore for a few hours off Newhaven.

Raido has grown tremendously in England during the past year, the Post Office receipts for licences jumping from £250,000 to £685,000.

Prof. Einstein has been presented with the Royal Astronomical Society's gold medal—marking acceptance of his theory.

The Birmingham section of the British Industries Fair has been opened and is the largest on record.

Reuter wires that France and Germany have signed a provisional commercial agreement according to which certain products, and also that Mr. H. G. Gibson, the U. S. Minister to Switzerland has been recalled to Washington to discuss American participation in the preliminary disarmament conference.

U. S. COAL DISPUTE.

NEWS OF SETTLEMENT CONFIRMED.

Washington, Feb. 12.
The Secretary of Labour, Mr. Davis has confirmed as "entirely correct" the Governor of Pennsylvania's announcement that the anthracite coal strike has been settled.

The contract is for five years and wages are to continue at their present level, with a provision for re-opening of negotiations within the industry, whenever either side so desires.

COST OF STRIKE.

Later.
The anthracite coal strike has cost the miners over \$150,000,000 in wages and resulted in the curtailment of hard coal output by over 35,000,000 tons. (Reuter's American Service.)

"FIVE YEARS' HARMONY."

Later.
Wage scale modifications may only be proposed once yearly to the Board provided, which must within ninety days, decide all issues connected with wage adjustment.

The demands of the owners and workers on the question of co-operation and efficiency shall be referred to a Board of Conciliation exclusive of an umpire who shall work out a reciprocal programme. Mr. John Lewis will act as president of the Board.

As soon as the agreement was made known, the Miners Union made a statement expressing satisfaction at the terms and declaring that it was specially pleased that arbitration was avoided. One of the mine-owners also made a statement forecasting that five years of harmony in the anthracite industry which would result from the agreement. (Reuter's American Service.)

The manager of the China National Tobacco Company, in a report to the police, accuses his accountant of having absconded with \$6,030. Accountants at a money changer's shop, and a business at 121, Connaught Road West, are also alleged to have absconded with \$1,000 and \$1,369 respectively.

THE COLONY LAUGHS.

"CHARLEY'S AUNT" IS HERE.

Whether or not, as is claimed for it, "Charley's Aunt" is "enough to make a cat laugh," the fact can at any rate be put on record that at the first showings of the film yesterday, at the Queen's Theatre, this screamingly funny cinema adaptation of the famous farce sent a goodly proportion of Hongkong residents into convulsions. Whatever may be the case afterwards, there need be no reason for Hongkong people being depressed up to Wednesday night, when the film is to be screened for the last time at the Queen's. If there are, between now and then, any folk suffering from the "blues," the fault will assuredly be their own—for the cost of a seat you can get enough laughter to last for the rest of the year.

"Charley's Aunt" is filmed by the Producers' Distributing Corporation—and a huge success they've made of it. All the complex and compromising situations with which the play abounds are splendidly brought out, "whilst as for Syd Chaplin in the title role—he must be seen to be appreciated. He has fine support all the way through; indeed, there's not a weak spot in the whole film.

For over thirty years, "Charley's Aunt" has been making the whole world laugh. It's Hongkong's turn to enjoy the fun this week. But if you want to see the film, our advice is—book early. Capacity houses have been the rule so far, despite the extensive accommodation of our premier picture-house. We can thoroughly commend the film, which is a scream from start to finish. Miss your tea or your dinner if you have to—but don't miss "Charley's Aunt."

BIG MOTOR SHIP.

THE "ASTURIAS" ON VIEW.

Rugby, Feb. 13.
The new motor liner Asturias, which is the greatest afloat, was open for inspection yesterday at Southampton, preparatory to sailing on her maiden voyage to South America on February 26. The Asturias was built by Harland and Wolff of Belfast for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company which now has afloat or building 45 motor vessels of nearly 300,000 tons. The Asturias has a gross register of 22,500 tons.—British Wireless.

TRADE UNION COLLEGE.

COUNTESS OF WARWICK'S GIFT.

Rugby, Feb. 12.
The General Council of the Trades Union Congress has accepted from the Countess of Warwick who stood as Labour candidate at the 1923 election, an unconditional gift of her mansion "Eastern Lodge." It has been decided to make it a residential trade union college and the general council has issued an appeal for £50,000 to equip it.—British Wireless.

MAIL TRAIN FIRE.

ON LONDON-MANCHESTER RUN.

Rugby, Feb. 12.
As the mail train from London to Manchester was rushing through Rugby station at midnight, one of the coaches was observed to be afire. The train was stopped, and there followed a fight with the flames at the wayside station of Brinklow. The coach, however, was almost destroyed before the fire was extinguished and a number of mail bags and a quantity of newspapers were lost.—British Wireless.

A Chinese was injured at Stubbs Road on Saturday by being caught between a motor car driven by Mr. Lovabach, and a Hongkong Hotel bus which were passing each other. The man was slightly injured.

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Dutch marines are here seen going through the recent floods to rescue villagers whose safety was threatened by rising waters.

SINGAPORE LETTER.

Astronomers Returning—
Rugby Prospects
The Governor's Lot.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Jan. 20.

The various astronomical expeditions are re-appearing in Singapore on their way home, and all appear very satisfied with the results obtained during the critical three minutes and ten seconds of totality. All that is to say, with the exception of the Dutch party, who were located at Palembang, on the east side of Sumatra, and who had very bad luck, the sun being so obscured that they got practically no results of any interest. There were seven in the British expedition, which included Professor F. W. Aston of Cambridge University, a scientist of world-wide fame, and the winner of the Nobel prize in physics two years ago. It was really a very distinguished scientific gathering which assembled in the town of Benecoolen, and if the Dutch community had not opened their houses to the visitors there would have been a serious shortage of accommodation. There is one little hotel in the place, and some thirty scientists, British, Australian, American, Dutch, and German gathered around its festive board every day. The Dutch authorities, who were courteous itself, lent a pretty touch to the international amenities by placing Fort Marlborough, which was built by the English some two hundred years ago, at the disposal of the British party. But Benecoolen is a depressing little place at best, and all the visitors were glad to get away. They return to their own countries, however, not only with scientific results of considerable importance, but with very pleasant memories of the social side of their stay in Dutch territory.

"A fairly significant eclipse" was the description applied to it by Dr. John A. Miller, the head of the Swarthmore College expedition, which concentrated on problems of the corona and on a test of the Einstein Theory. They were equipped with a positive battery of cameras, including one instrument of 63 feet focal length, and so far as can be told from cursory examination of the plates, the results were good. It will, of course, require several months study in the observatory in order to discover the exact contribution that this eclipse has made to the accumulated knowledge already available. As for the Einstein Theory, the Swarthmore party have left their Einstein camera standing, and in June they will return to photograph the same star field as that in which the sun was at the time of the eclipse. If, in the interval, those stars have not changed their places, it is reasonable to assume that the Einstein Theory is not true; if they have, the theory is not necessarily true, but it is strengthened. As a matter of fact, the theory has been checked in this manner at two previous eclipses, and on each occasion the results favoured it.

A Rugby-Playing Regiment.
The Royal Sussex are leaving us in March, and will be replaced by the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. The latter will be warmly welcomed by Rugby men, for it is a Rugby-playing unit, and should provide a much-needed

spice of competitive interest in local Rugby. The season has just finished with Singapore holders of the Malaya Cup. It is interesting to note that the game has been taken up by the Eurasian Club in Singapore, and that an up-country Chinese millionaire has presented a cup for competition among Asiatic teams. Whether the handling code will ever take root amongst the local communities is very doubtful, however. The Eurasians are keen enough, but they lack the physique, and, as for the Chinese and Malays, the open-mouthed astonishment with which they first watched the Rugby game has by no means faded away.

English Governesses.

An interesting correspondence has been running in the press relating to the position of English-nursery governesses in Singapore. There is no question but that these girls are frequently paid salaries which no self-respecting Chinese Amah would accept in these prosperous times, and the fact that they are treated as necessary nuisances in the house makes their position an even more limited and lonely one than it ordinarily would be. There are exceptions, of course, but generally speaking, an English girl would be ill-advised to take a position of this kind in Singapore, having regard to the social conditions of the place, and the status and salary which any European expects out here. Our military friends will not enjoy one point that has been brought out. The War Office allows passages for governesses in the cases of officers going abroad, and these officers are occasionally the principal sinners in this respect, simply because they are ignorant of the conditions here. They expect to pay an English girl much the same salary as she would receive at home, and to treat her in exactly the same way, that is to say, as a social inferior. The consequence is that the girl either leads a miserable and discontented existence during the period of her engagement, or, if she has the pluck to do it, promptly and unscrupulously takes the first opportunity of getting another job.

Theological Niceties.

A Singapore judge has been asked this week to decide the question of when is a Mohammedan not a Mohammedan. It appears that there are in the town followers of one Mirza, who flourished about 1840, and who claimed with singular modesty to be an incarnation of Jesus Christ, Mohamed, and the Raja Krishna. However, he took the Koran as the basis of his teaching, and his disciples say they are Mohammedans, and, in fact, they are one of the most militant of Mohammedan sects, conducting that astonishing institution, the Woking Mission, and missions in the Dutch Indies. Nevertheless, the orthodox sects say they are infidels. This, say the plaintiffs, is a libel, and apparently it must be so, for counsel for the defence has spent two days in attempting to justify it. But to the layman it seems ridiculous that the Supreme Court should be troubled with the theological disputes of the Mohammedan community, and but for the fact that a similar question has already arisen in the Indian courts it is highly probable that the case would not have been admitted to trial.

SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

DEPRESSION CONTINUES.

London, Feb. 13.
"The depression in the shipping industry has continued and deepened during the past year." This is the opening sentence in the report of the Chamber of Shipping for the United Kingdom. The depression is attributed to the continued existence of more ships and fewer cargoes than before the war, whilst freights were at a record low level and were below pre-war prices. Nineteen cargo companies, with paid up capital of £3,000,000, were wound up in 1925.—*Reuter.*

A proclamation by H. E. the Governor extends the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance, 1921, to maintenance orders made by courts in South Australia.

Amongst the passengers who left for Manila by the s.s. President McKinley were Mr. Fred Ellis, and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lambert.

The Amalgamated Street Unions and the Chinese Ratepayers Association in Shanghai have sent representatives to Peking to ask the Foreign Office to demand an indemnity for the losses to Chinese merchants, said to be some than \$10,000,000, since the May 30 affair.

A warning received from the Manila Observatory at 6.30 p.m. yesterday states that there is a cyclone or typhoon in the west of Balintang Channel, direction unknown.

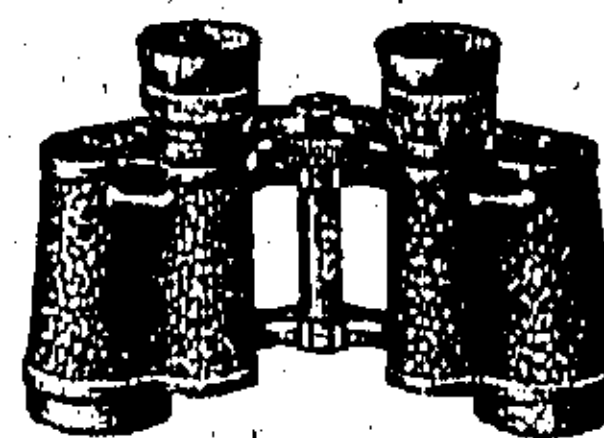
An incipient fire which occurred at No. 7, Butrows Street, Wanchai, amongst a pile of charcoal, on Saturday morning, was extinguished by the inmates before the Brigade arrived.

A crystal set which enables listeners to hear radio music and messages without receivers and through a magno-box is said to have been invented by a young man in Tokyo. The inventor is Mr. Umekichi Ito, aged 28, in the employ of the Shimbashi transportation office of the Tokyo Railway Office. Vacuum bulbs and batteries are not needed in the new contrivance, and a magno-box can be used with it as in the case of high-priced sets. It is reported that radio messages broadcast from the Nagoya Radio Station can be heard in Tokyo by means of the new contrivance.

Not many people know that Marlborough House was once a picture gallery. After the death in 1849 of Queen Adelaide, William IV's consort, who had lived there, the building was used to house a collection of pictures which had been formed by Robert Vernon, a man of humble origin who amassed a large fortune as contractor for the supply of horses to the British armies during the war with Napoleon. Vernon's pictures, which he presented to the nation, are now divided between the National Gallery and the Two Gallies. Marlborough House was built in 1709 at the public expense as a gift to the Duke of Marlborough, the victor of Blenheim. The interior is decorated with wall paintings illustrating his battles. In 1850, after Vernon's death, the house was settled on the Prince of Wales, afterwards Edward VII. King George V. was born there.

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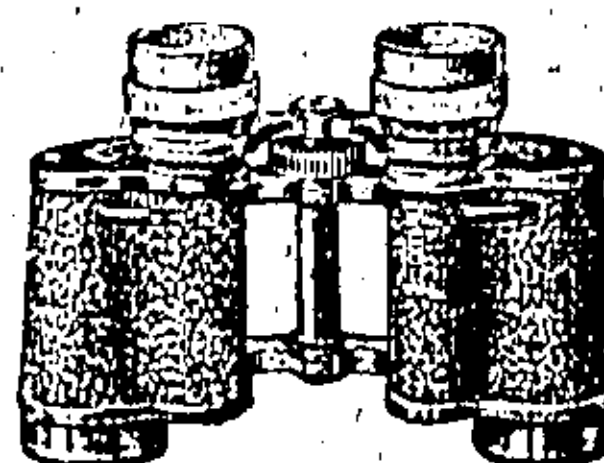


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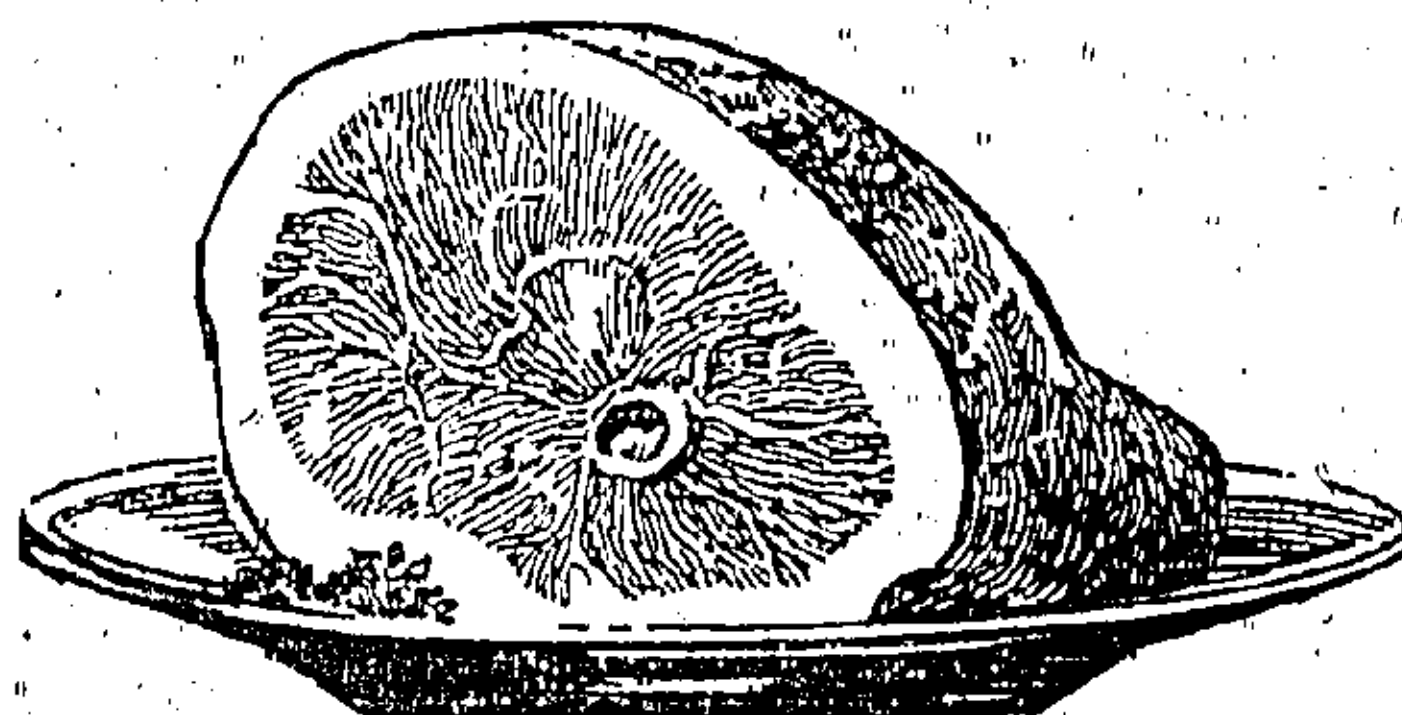
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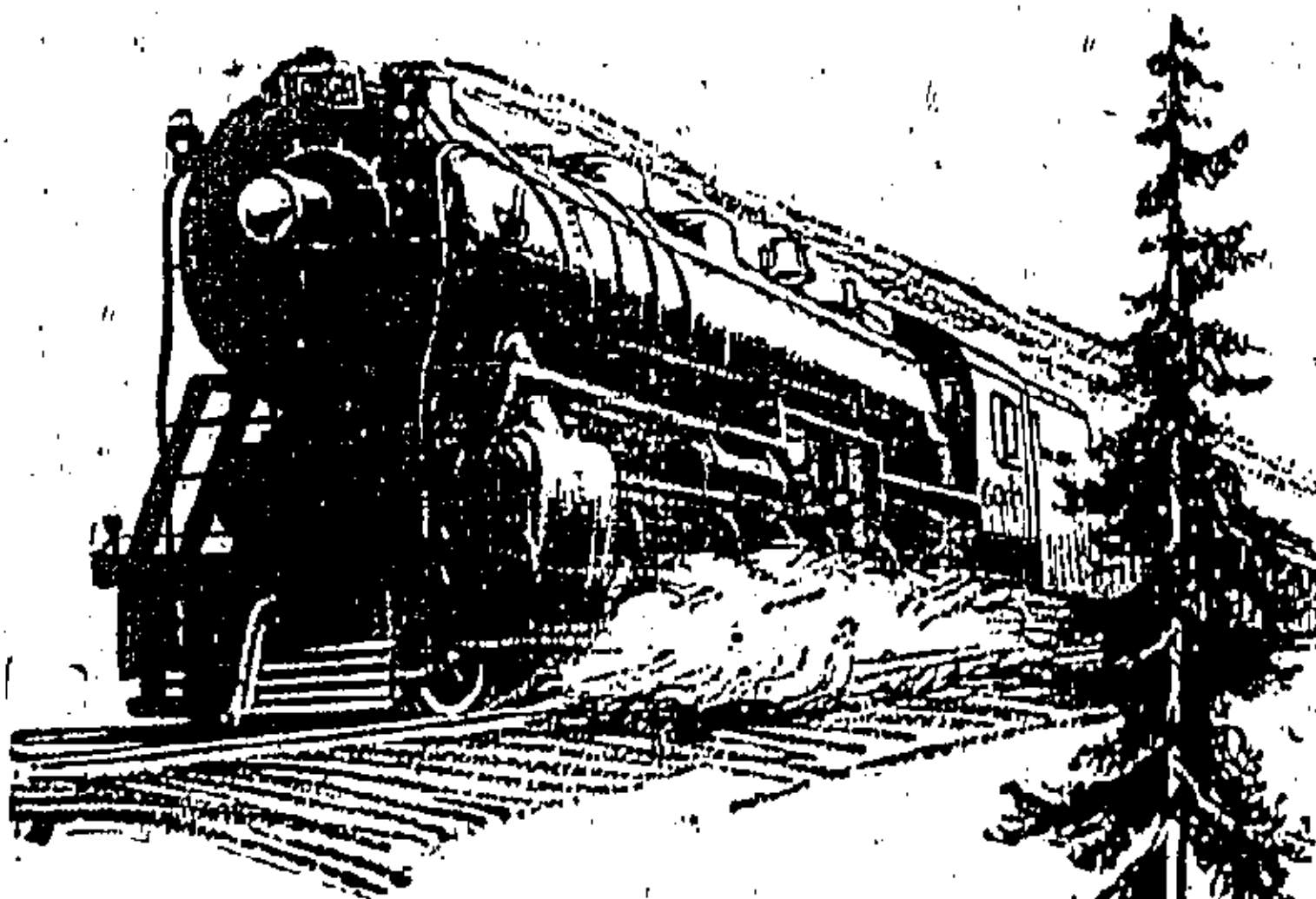


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THE PERSONAL TOUCH.

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The Grip.

This is an attitude of mind known as concentration, abnegation of all senses not immediately concerned with the business in hand. In other words when you are about to drive a motor car you must not be thinking of the rubber shares you bought, or the money you have lost, or more than Mr. Smith, who is amputating a man's leg, should be thinking of those fozzled drinks he had recently. As regards the initial movement of the sword

Rolling of the Wrists.

School medical officers all over England are recording the weight and height, and colour of hair and eyes of thousands of boys and girls, for the Ministry of Health and the Board of Education. Colour of eyes and hair are believed to be sometimes identified with diseases or disabilities. Weight and height vary very much. In Cumberland, for instance, boys are regarded from 12 to 15 were heavier in 1925 than in 1913, but there was a tendency to decrease in height. In Kent a medical officer engaged in inspection since 1913 was unable to recognise a definite change. In the North Riding of Yorkshire, boys of girls of 13-14 were taller than children of the same age a years ago.

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PLAY AND PLAYERS.

INTERPORT SOCCER AND GOLF.

[BY "WANDERER."]

Until fuller details, not to be found in Reuter's wire, are to hand, it is impossible to go with safety into any sort of criticism of the soccer interport at Shanghai which Hongkong lost by the sensational score of five goals to four.

Whatever the merits of that result, the Hongkong representatives have at least silenced their critics, and the unanimous opinion must be that they have done splendidly.

Shanghai scored three of their five goals from penalties and the fact has already provided a good deal of comment here, for it was never thought that Hongkong had a man in the side who was liable to give away penalties with an unswerving freedom.

Two of those penalties came at critical periods of the game, each provided Shanghai with an equaliser.

After being two-one down at the interval (two penalties) Hongkong first equalised through Humberstone and then took the lead through Gosano. Johansson, the left winger, brought the scores level, but fifteen minutes from time Humberstone gave Hongkong a 4-3 lead. They failed to hold on, Mr. Leslie awarding Shanghai another penalty from which Lollie Goldman made no mistake. In the closing stages Shanghai scored again. Charlesworth was responsible for Hongkong's lead in the first instance.

Three junior shield ties were completed in Hongkong Football on Saturday, the Royal Artillery Reserves gaining a surprising victory over Kowloon Reserves by two goals to love. The surprise was greater since Kowloon had previously disposed of the best side in the competition and had beaten R.A. Reserves handsomely in the league. The University won the replay with the Drums by the only goal scored and the Surrey Reserves put paid to the aspirations of St. Joseph's, scoring twice without reply.

Moslem Club were engaged with the Drums Reserves in the only league match played. They went nap.

In a friendly match on the Club ground, the Club defeated the Police by three goals to one. Naturally the game lacked life but there were some sparkling touches which made it worth watching. The Police worked very hard for goals but were very lax in the region of goal.

THE TRIANGULAR GOLF INTERPORT.

HONGKONG DEFEATS MANILA.

Hongkong's representatives in the interport golf triangular tournament got well off the mark in defeating the Manila six by eight points to four in matches played at Fanling on Saturday and Sunday. Manila were somewhat handicapped by the brevity of their acquaintance with local conditions, but they put up a capital fight, played excellent golf whilst finding the greens a little too fast for them.

Ferguson, Douglas and Shewan were in brilliant form in the singles, and Andrews completed the singles advantage by turning a tiff deficiency into a three and one victory.

Ferguson and Shewan made an ideal partnership in the four-somes, for while the younger player was inclined to be erratic, he brought off many brilliant strokes which won holes while Ferguson was consistent throughout, keeping well down the fairway and averaging two on the greens.

Douglas and Smith were both in good form and a five hole lead at fifth time was converted into a six and four success.

Ireland and Andrews could do

nothing right, and went down as heavily as the others won. The results are appended:

Singles.		MANILA	
Ferguson (8 & 7)	1	Benedict	0
Shewan (5 & 3)	1	Few	0
Smith	0	Ivory (4 & 3)	1
Douglas (10 & 9)	1	Mason	0
Ireland	0	Nell (3 & 6)	1
Andrews (3 & 1)	1	Train	0

FOUR-SOMES.

Ferguson and Benedict and Shewan (6 & 4) 2

Smith and Douglas (6 & 4) 2

Ireland and Nell (3 & 6) 1

Andrews and Train (6 & 5) 2

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SATURDAY'S PLAY.

Ferguson took the first two holes against Benedict in the singles, the Manila men displaying lack of confidence on the greens. The third was halved in bogey three, the fourth went to Benedict in four and the fifth to Ferguson in identical figures. Two down at the seventh Benedict found the sandtrap but he was well out and halved in four. A long putt at the eighth put Ferguson three up but his effort was eclipsed at the turn where Benedict holed out a birdie four with a pitch and run from beyond the edge of the green. Both found trouble at the tenth and a half in five resulted, while Benedict missed a good chance of reducing the arrears when he failed to hole at two attempts from three yards. Benedict on the green at the Gem took it at three to four though Ferguson got well out of difficulties. The match was squared at the thirteenth Benedict laying his third within an inch of the hole. Sandy's Pulpit was halved in three, the Armchair was comfortable for Ferguson at 4-5, while the sixteenth saw both mixed up in the rough and a half in five. Ferguson was one up at the end of the morning round, but in the afternoon he had a sensational run of success becoming seven up at the turn after consistent golf as 4 1 3 5 4 4 5 4 4 will testify. Land's End proved too much for Benedict who pulled into the first and took four to reach the green. Ferguson was down in four and this gave him victory 3 and 7.

Shewan beat Few by five and three. His driving was very erratic but he made some wonderful recoveries, and on the green he was pretty accurate. One up at the end of the morning round he was one up, at the turn this had become three. Five successive holes were halved and then at the 15th Shewan, on the green in two, secured a birdie four for game.

Douglas played brilliant golf against Mason, who had a bad time in the morning finishing the first eighteen holes seven down. After tiffin he put up a stiffer resistance but Douglas's deadly putting gave him the victory after twenty seven holes. Mason did not play so badly as the score might suggest. Five times he held Douglas to halves in three.

Ivory was too good for Smith, Hongkong, though the latter improved considerably in the afternoon and finished well enough to take Ivory to the Armchair in spite of his loss of five holes in the morning.

Nell, Manila, beat Ireland by eight and six after beginning the afternoon round three up. Ireland was very erratic and at the turn he was five down. Nell won the next three holes straight for an easy win.

Andrews and Train had a very evenly contested game. Andrews was one down at the end of the morning round but he made a distinctly encouraging recovery in the afternoon taking a two hole lead on the outward path, holding his own on the way home and winning at the Pass for a three and one victory.

The best ball foursomes yesterday were productive of some splendid golf. The best ball aggregate of Ferguson and Shewan in the morning was three under fours and six under bogey. Douglas and Smith in the morning were out in thirty six and home in thirty five (best ball). The afternoon was equally good. The leading pair took 55 for fourteen holes and Douglas and Smith 58 for the same distance. Ireland and Andrews were always well behind.

Few and Benedict drove off to

start the foursomes yesterday, and the first hole went to Ferguson. A brilliant eight feet putt gave Shewan a winning three at the second, and the short third was halved in par figures. Benedict ran close up to the fourth pin but Ferguson holed a long putt for a half, and at the fifth Benedict's four reduced the lead to one, both Ferguson and Shewan missing putts. The sixth and seventh were halved in four and three respectively. Benedict's second at the eighth hole was within inches of the pin and he squared the match with a three after Shewan had fallen an inch short with a long putt. Turning all square the tenth was halved after Ferguson had overrun the hole when nicely placed. Few brought off a remarkable putt from the edge of the 11th green to take three for the hole, but Hongkong squared at the Gem Shewan bringing off a wonderful two. At the fourteenth Hongkong went ahead and were never again headed. The 15th and 16th were halved, but Manila failed badly on the seventeenth green where Ferguson holed out in five putting Hongkong two up. The eighteenth was halved.

In the afternoon a half in four resulted at the first hole, but Few brought off a brilliant three at the second to reduce the lead. All reached the third green with their drives and Ferguson and Benedict halved in three. The fourth, fifth and sixth were halved in par figures, but at the seventh Shewan's approach was almost down and he holed out a winning three. The eighth was halved, and the ninth went to Ferguson with five against six. Erratic play on the greens had given Hongkong a four hole lead at the turn, the tenth was taken at 4-5 making them five up, but at the eleventh good play by both Manila men gave them the hole. The Gem was halved, and the fourteenth the game finished. Shewan was beautifully placed and looked likely to take the honours but Ferguson who had overrun the hole with his drive holed out with a pitch and run for a two against five. Ferguson and Shewan were six up and four to play.

Seven of the first nine holes in the match between Douglas and Smith and Ivory and Nell were halved in bogey figures, and the other two went to Hongkong in birdie fours. Play was really brilliant at times the work on the greens being excellent, the Manila men being least favoured by fortune. Smith's approach at the second was a wonderful shot and he holed out in four to five. The next three were halved, Smith bringing off a ten foot putt for a half at the fourth and Ivory sinking one from twenty feet to get a five at the sixth only to see Douglas make a four by great golf. Douglas and Ivory halved the seventh, the putting of both being excellent. Ivory placed his second within ten feet of the pin at the eighth but though Smith found trouble he made a brilliant recovery and forced the half. All experienced trouble at the long ninth and a half in six resulted.

Douglas rounded the lip to miss

a half in four at the tenth but he got a brilliant three at the dog-leg 11th, finishing brilliant play down to course with a twenty-foot putt. On the next green he missed a four-footer for a half in three. Smith brought out a fifteen foot putt for a four at the 13th, and Ivory barely missed the half. The thirteenth was halved in four, and on the green in two Douglas took the fifteenth at four to five. Smith was over the sixteenth in one but his pitch and run recovery was almost holed and sank in three putting Hongkong four up. Ivory missed a fifteen inch putt for a half. Smith made the seventeenth in four to five and the Home hole was halved, Hongkong finishing the morning round five up.

In the afternoon Ivory and Nell improved, but Douglas and Smith were very consistent. Nell was getting more distance and often he outdrove the Hongkong players by thirty or forty yards. Ivory missed a two foot putt for a winning three at the second. Both Hongkong men had a three at the third while Manila could do no better than four.

Manila brought the lead down to five at the sixth. Nell sinking a four-footer for a four when Hongkong had been in trouble all the way. At the Bog, Nell's ball executed a remarkable performance running along the embankment at the top of the green and dropping nicely into position. A half in three resulted. Smith was down in four to five at the eighth and he put Hongkong seven up at the turn. Nell was in trouble at the tenth but he got splendidly out and sank an eight foot putt for a winning four. The next two were halved, the twelfth being notable for brilliant recoveries by both Nell and Ivory. Ivory reached with eighteen inches of the pin from an 'impossible' position and a half in three followed. Ivory won the thirteenth on the green to make Hongkong downey five. Douglas overran the green at the 14th, but he holed out in three and gave Hongkong a six and four victory.

After nine holes Ireland and Andrews were two down to Mason and Train. At the end of the morning they were four down and lost in the afternoon by six and five. Mason and Train were wonderfully accurate, the driving being excellent and averaging twos on the greens.

MRS. ROWLEY WINS LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

In the final of the ladies' championship played at Fanling yesterday Mrs. Rowley defeated Mrs. Fitzroy Williams by two and one.

HOCKEY MATCH.

SCOTLAND BEATS WALES.

Ruthin, Feb. 13.

In a Hockey match, Scotland beat Wales by two goals to nil.

Reuter.

(Other Sport on Pages 4 & 12.)

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Japan	Mishima Maru	February 23
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	February 24

OUTWARD MAILES.

For	Per	Date
Straits	Mirzapore	Tues., Feb. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tues., Feb. 16, noon
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Telemachus	Feb. 16, noon
(Letters and Postcards specially super-scribed "Via Siberia" only)		
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	D'Artagnan	Tues., Feb. 16
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 19th March.)	
Amoy	Leisang	Tues., Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Tama	Tues., Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Sinking	Wed., Feb. 17, 9.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Hopsang	Wed., Feb. 17, 10 a.m.
Japan, "Canada," "U.S.A.," "C. & S. America and "Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Tyndarus	Wed., Feb. 17
	Parcels	9 a.m.
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C., 11th March.)	
Straits	Vancouver Maru	Wed., Feb. 17, 12.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Wed., Feb. 17
	Parcels	Noon
	Letters	1 p.m.
	(Due Vancouver, B.C., 10th March.)	
Bangkok	Kiangsu	Wed., Feb. 17, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Kwangsang	Wed., Feb. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Hainan & Haiphong	Lee Sang	Thurs., Feb. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Japan	Tango Maru	Thurs., Feb. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Thurs., Feb. 18
	Parcels	1 p.m.
	Letters	1.30 p.m.
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Sandakan	Hinsang	Thurs., Feb. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and "Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Emp. of Australia	Thurs., Feb. 18
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Vancouver, B.C., 10th March.)	
Japan	Suisang	Thurs., Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	Kaying	Fri., Feb. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Fri., Feb. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, "U.S.A.," "C. & S. America," "Europe via San Francisco	Siberia Maru	Feb. 20
	Registration	9.15 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco March 18th.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Karmala	Parcels .. Fri., 19th 5 p.m.
	Registration	Sat., Feb. 20
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WORLD RECORDS.

LATEST PERFORMANCES IN AMERICA.

New York, Feb. 14.
Four world's indoor records were shattered, one new record created and two equalled twice in a series of thrilling performances at the Wilco athletic meeting.
The Norwegian, Hoff, after falling on his face in the first attempt, cleared the bar in a pole jump of 13 feet, 3 inches.
Morgan Taylor covered eighty yards in the hurdles race in 9.3/10 seconds.
Helffrinch won the five hundred metres race in 65 seconds.
Plant completed the 3,000 metres flat walk in 12 minutes, 49 seconds.
Cummings sprinted the 130 yards in 13. 1/10 seconds.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RUGBY BATTLE.

IRELAND JUST BEATS ENGLAND.

Dublin, Feb. 13.
In a Rugby match, Ireland beat England by 19 points to 15. The weather was dull, but the ground was in good condition. There was an attendance of 25,000 spectators. Before the start, the teams were lined up and introduced to the governor General, the Right Hon. T. Hooley.
Ireland had rather the better of the play in the opening stages, the English forwards not heeling too well, but after eighteen minutes, England took the lead. Francis, darting through the Irish defence, passed to Young, who scored under the bar. Francis converted. Soon afterwards, Stephenson scored an unconverted try for Ireland. Periton scored a try for England after Wickes and Voyce had made ground near the Irish line, and Francis converted. Then Stephenson registered a grand penalty goal. Ireland pressed until the interval, when England led by 10 points to 6.
On the resumption, Ireland attacked. The forwards, playing a most dashing game, kept play in the English "twenty-five." After eighteen minutes, Sugden got possession from the scrum and passed to Cussen, who got over in the corner, Stephenson converting from the touch-line for Ireland. There was a tremendous battle ten minutes from the finish. Sugden sent Cussen over, Stephenson converting from near the touch-line. Although a terrific pace had been maintained, neither side slowed up. Haslett scored for England and Francis converted; then, just before time, F. Hewett got a try which Stephenson failed to convert.—*Reuter.*

THE WIRELESS STRIKE.

A DEADLOCK REACHED.

London, Feb. 13.
Protracted negotiations between the representatives of the striking wireless operators and shipowners have ended in a deadlock, with no immediate prospect of a settlement according to the Chairman of the Operators' Association, who said the employers simply repeated their terms and gave the association seven days in which to accept, threatening, in the event of a refusal, to offer certain conditions to the men individually. The failure to agree was confined to questions of wages and reinstatement of strikers, the employers insisting that the men resume on reduced rates and be reinstated only as the employers are able to offer service. The Chairman concluded that 1,300 ships are now at sea without qualified wireless operators, of whom over 1,900 are on strike.

THE MEN'S CASE.

Later.
The Wireless Telegraphists' Association, in a statement, says the operators are prepared to submit the whole dispute to an Industrial Court, but are not prepared to prejudice their case before the Court by accepting the totally unjustified reduction. It points out that the wireless operators accepted reductions in 1922 and 1924, these being additional to any reduction accepted by other seafarers.—*Reuter.*

TEST CRICKET.

WEST INDIES START WELL.

Georgetown, Feb. 13.
The third and last Test match between the M. C. C. and the West Indies opened in fine weather in the presence of four thousand spectators. At the lunch interval the West Indies had scored 127 for one wicket, Challenor being 73 not out.
Later.
At the tea interval, the West Indies had scored 230 for six wickets.
At the close of play, the West Indies score was 282 for six wickets, Challenor being 82 not out.—*Reuter.*

WALES BEATEN.

IRELAND'S "SOCCER" WIN.

Belfast, Feb. 13.
In a "soccer" match, before 30,000 spectators, under ideal conditions, Ireland beat Wales by three goals to nil.

The Irishmen were the more thrifty opportunists and played better together than their opponents. They were superb defensively, while Wales was poor in defence and missed many chances. Gillespie, the inside left, netted Ireland's first goal nine minutes from the start, while Curran, centre-forward scored the second within twenty-eight minutes, Ireland leading at the interval by 2-0.

The Welshmen later improved but were repulsed by the Irish defence. Ten minutes from time Curran secured Ireland's third.—*Reuter.*

HOME BYE-ELECTION.

AN UNOPPOSED RETURN.

London, Feb. 13.
Mr. J. J. Withers, C.B.E., (Conservative), was returned unopposed to the House of Commons for Cambridge University, in succession to the Right Hon. J. F. P. Rawlinson, K.C., deceased.—*Reuter.*

[The new member is senior partner and founder of the legal firm of Withers, Benson, Currie, Williams & Co. He is a Fellow of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, has been for many years a Co-opted Member of the Cambridge University Appointments Board, and was from 1909 to 1911 Hon. Secretary of the Alpine Club. During the war he assisted the Propaganda Department and the Ministry of Information.]

INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

SHANGHAI'S NARROW WIN.

Shanghai, Feb. 13.
Shanghai beat Hongkong at football by five goals to four.
Later.
The football match was very exciting. Over 6,000 people were present. The ground at the start was hard and dry, but there was a drizzle in the first half and a downpour all through the second half. This quickly rendered conditions unpleasant.

Hongkong scored first through Charlesworth after ten minutes' play.
Shanghai equalised five minutes later by a penalty taken by Goldman.

When the game was half an hour old, Goldman again scored from a penalty.

Shanghai continued to press, but Rodger made several fine saves.

The score at half-time was Shanghai two, Hongkong one.

Two minutes after the restart Hongkong drew level through Humberstone heading in a goal from a corner.

Hongkong quickly made it three goals to two through Gosano. Then Shanghai drew level through Johansson.

Five minutes later Humberstone scored again. Goldman then equalised with a third penalty.

Ten minutes from the end Goldman gave Shanghai the lead from a pass from the right.

Both sides had narrow escapes, but there was no further scoring.—*Reuter.*

LOCAL HOCKEY.

COMING MATCHES.

The following will represent the Club against H. K. S. R. A. at 5.15 p.m. sharp on Wednesday, 17th February, at the U. S. R. C.—S. H. Garrod, C. H. R. Oxlade, C. L. R. Beecher, L. P. Ralph, E. J. R. Mitchell, E. W. L. Martin, H. Owen, Hughes, W. Woodward, G. P. Lammert, J. E. Noronha (capt.) and G. R. Vallack.

On Wednesday, 24th February, at 5.15 p.m., the last Simi Shield match between the Army and the Club will be played at the U. S. R. C. After the match, the Shield will be presented to the Navy, this year's winners.

WILLS-LENGLEN MATCH.

THE CINEMA RIGHTS.

Nice, Feb. 14.
At a stormy meeting of pressmen and cinematographers at the Carlton Hotel, Cannes, presided over by Mr. F. M. B. Fisher, it was announced that no bids had been received for the exclusive cinema rights of the Lenglen-Wills match, and the management of the Carlton Club were prepared to allow cinematographers to enter on payment of £25 each. The cinematographers, however, flatly refused to pay and after a long discussion the management yielded. Consequently the cinematographers will be allowed free entry to the match on Tuesday.—*Reuter.*

A previous Reuter's message stated—Miss Lenglen has summoned pressmen and photographers to Carlton courts and made a statement that she was not connected with the agitation for barring photographers and cinematographers from the courts. She desired all photographers to be allowed to enter and if there was any further bother on the matter she would feel inclined to withdraw from the tournament.

At a meeting of pressmen, photographers and cinematographers at the Carlton Hotel in the evening, Mr. F. M. B. Fisher, presiding, announced that rights of filming the match were now open to purchase, the original option having been returned.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

Mr. R. Allinson, chief officer, Changchow, has gone chief officer, Szechuen.
Mr. J. S. G. Brown, chief officer, Szechuen, is on reserve.
Mr. F. Gibbs, chief officer, Ngankir, has sailed off.
Mr. D. McPherson, from reserve has gone chief officer, Ngankin.
Mr. L. V. Anderson, from leave, has gone second officer, Fatsan.
Mr. E. Robinson, chief officer, Kiangsu, has gone chief officer, Chusan.
Mr. D. Brochie, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Kwangchow.
Mr. E. Johnson, chief officer, Kwangchow, has gone chief officer, Suifu.
Mr. W. F. Henderson, second engineer, Tungting, has signed off.
Mr. G. Butchart, from leave, has gone chief engineer, Shukwang.
Mr. J. V. King, chief engineer, Shukwang, is on reserve.
Mr. F. R. Pringle, chief engineer, Szechuen, is on reserve.
Mr. R. H. Brown, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Szechuen.
Captain H. T. T. Pellet, from leave, has gone master, Pingwo.
Captain F. Powell, of the Pingwo, is on reserve.
Mr. E. Firth, late chief officer, Indo-China S. N. Co., is deceased.
Mr. F. Dunstan, second engineer, Kutwo, has gone, second engineer, Yungang.
Mr. H. J. Rowe, second engineer, Kutwo, is on reserve.
Mr. A. F. Jamieson, from reserve, has gone third officer, Fookang.
E. R. Alton, third officer, Fookang, has gone second officer, same ship.
Mr. H. A. Meik, second officer, Hangsang, has gone second officer, Yungang.
Mr. C. Trott, chief officer, Armanestan, is on reserve.—*Shipping and Engineering.*

It was estimated in Hankow recently that 1,000,000 persons out of a population of 60,000,000 are starving in the central provinces. Hupeh province has a smaller proportion of stricken people than Hunan, while there are plentiful supplies of food in Honan, but cessation of railway operation on account of the military situation prevents the sending of food to the stricken districts. There is insufficient freight to tax the railroad's capacity, but the militarists demand \$600 each for every car released. Another factor which delays traffic is that the junks, fearing bandits, are travelling slowly in flotillas of forty or fifty. The operation of power boats is prohibited on the rivers of the interior.

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AIR ROUTE TO INDIA.

At the first annual meeting of the shareholders of Imperial Airways held recently the chairman of directors, Sir Eric Geddes, gave a very full review of the operations of the company, in which, without sounding too optimistic a note, he expressed confidence that the concern had now passed through its teething troubles.
It was made evident that the first year's working was largely regarded as experimental, and that experience gained and the reorganization of the maintenance and technical departments of the older companies had all been directed to lowering running costs, while increasing reliability and regularity. Reference was made to the statement of the Secretary of State for Air that an analysis of the French, German, and American figures showed that the British lines were the most economically operated. Over 825,000 miles had been flown in the year ended March 31, 1925, and 11,000 passengers and 600 tons of mail and goods had been carried.

Turning to the future, Sir Eric Geddes quoted the axiom of civil aviation that the greater the distance the greater is the advantage of flying that distance, and explained that it was on that basis that the company had concluded the agreement with the Air Ministry to maintain an air service between Egypt and India, starting with new aircraft, it was hoped, not later than January 1, 1927. It was believed that, with the additional subsidy and other assistance, the service could be run profitably as a part of the whole organization. India would be brought nearer to England by five days, with a possible saving of ten days in the time taken by a return letter. If on this Cairo-Karachi venture reliability and punctuality could be proved, extension to Bombay and Calcutta would be justified based on saving of time alone. In years to come there might be flying regularly to Rangoon, Singapore, and even beyond. It was then indicated that the board were looking to a linking-up ultimately of the London-Zurich service with Egypt by, probably, a train journey through the Alps to an Italian aerodrome, and thence by air to Cairo. Stress was laid on the two-fold object of the company—to do justice to national aims and also to provide a satisfactory investment to the public—and the opinion was expressed that the modified subsidy agreement of horse-power miles instead of aeroplane miles would help to that two-fold purpose.

FIVE MACHINES ORDERED.

An order has been placed by Imperial Airways with the De Havilland Aircraft Company for five large passenger aircraft for use over the air route from Egypt to India.
Three-engined aircraft have been specified, and the fuselage will be all metal, only the wings being constructed of wood. Radial air-cooled engines, either Jupiter or Jaguar power units of about 385-h.p., will be installed, and a cabin able to accommodate 14 passengers is called for. In the first instance, however, the cabin will be temporarily divided into two, one part with seats for seven passengers, and the other as an addition to the luggage and freight section. Specially good ventilation arrangements will be incorporated, together with large tanks to hold a plentiful supply of drinking water. A condition of the contract is that the aircraft will be able to fly, manoeuvre, and climb on any two engines with full load. The limit of the span of the machine, 79ft., is dictated to some extent by the hangar accommodation available in the Middle-East. The total weight will be approximately 14,700lb., and the useful load, including crew, is 2,900lb. Normally this would be higher, but the specification calls for very large petrol tanks, 300 gallons, equivalent to about six hours flying. A speed is expected of 120 miles an hour, with a cruising average of 100 miles an hour.
The first machine will be delivered in October and the subsequent machines at fortnightly intervals. This is the first time the De Havilland firm have built a three-engined machine, though they have constructed twin engined aircraft. The actual service is expected to operate by January, 1927.

London does not see a circus so often as it used to. In this respect it is like the rest of England. But the programme of the Olympia entertainment, with its lions, reminds a Home writer that the birthplace of the circus, as we know it, was within a stone's throw of the Houses of Parliament. It was in the latter half of the 18th century that Phillip Astley, on leaving the Army with a fine charger presented to him by his General, came to London and exhibited feats of horsemanship in a roped circle in an open field near the site of Waterloo Station. Later on, he enclosed a piece of ground in the neighbourhood of St. Thomas's Hospital, and eventually, erected a roofed building, where, in spite of several fires, he had a run of success. A circus in Paris and another in Dublin were opened by him; and he died in comfortable circumstances in 1814 in his 73rd year. The programme tells that Astley's first horse lived to the age of 42 years, and, on his death, from old age, his hide was tanned and made into a "thunder drum" for use in the amphitheatre in the Westminster Bridge-road.